

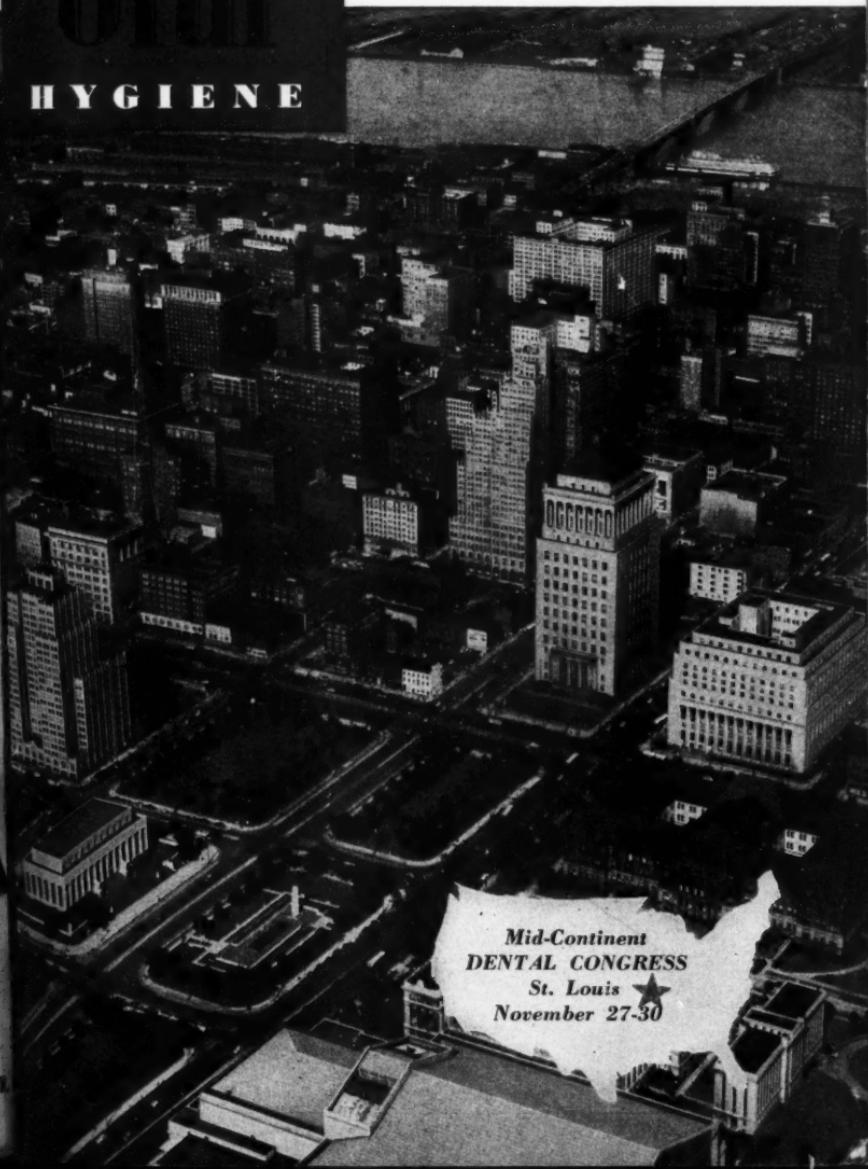
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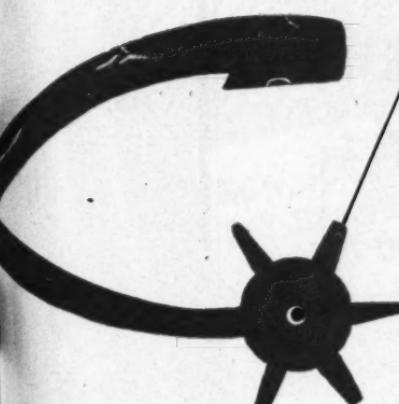
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More Random Recollections

MONTH before last, this department indulged in some random recollections—recalling a few odd incidents which somehow still stuck in memory's grooves. Those August paragraphs sparked memories in other minds—memories of their own.

Doctor Arthur T. White of Pasadena, California—after ribbing me for getting to be a doddering oldster living in the past—admitted that time has been marching on for him, too. “I can look back to the first wing bridge I made about the turn of the century,” Arthur confesses. “It was a full gold crown with very little shape to it, on a cuspid with a lateral attached. They say that the guy stood for hours before the mirror, admiring it.

“I can also remember my first electric engine. It got me a new patient. A girl saw it being installed and came in to have some work done. She said that she'd been going to another city to another dentist, just because he used an electric engine.

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Arthur has always believed that "you must grow older, but never grow old." With any luck, I'll be checking up on him this month, after the San Francisco meeting of the American Dental Association.

Another random recollector is Doctor Jacob Kasen of Pittsburgh. He says the August CORNER might well have remembered "the thermostatic inlay burner-outer, which was made of two tin cans, set one inside the other—each covered with its original top—and containing the invested wax inlay."

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Another CORNER addict, Halstead MacCabe, reprimands the department for not recollecting another recollection: the day in early 1942; not long after we got into the War, when Bob Ketterer walked in, looking very solemn, and leaned over my desk to whisper, "Confidentially, the printers are on strike." Then he added: "There is a small chance it may be settled this afternoon. They said not to bother you until then, but I thought I better tell you."

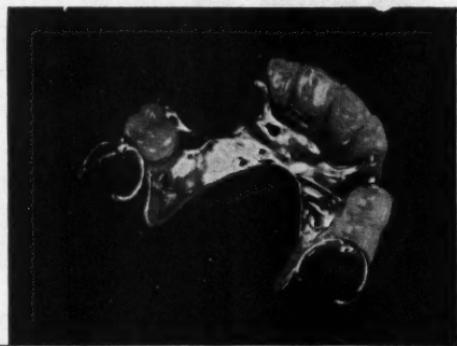
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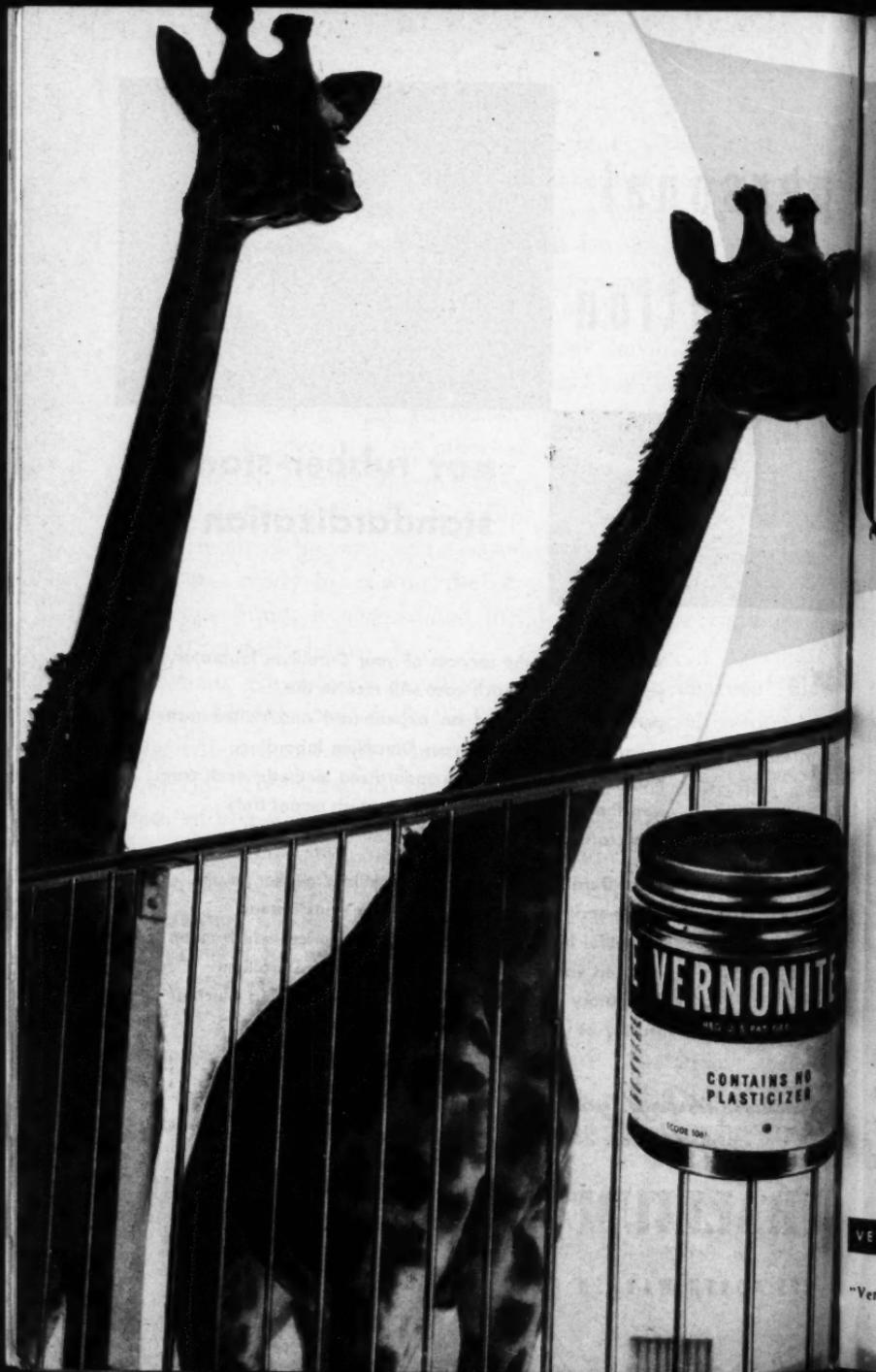
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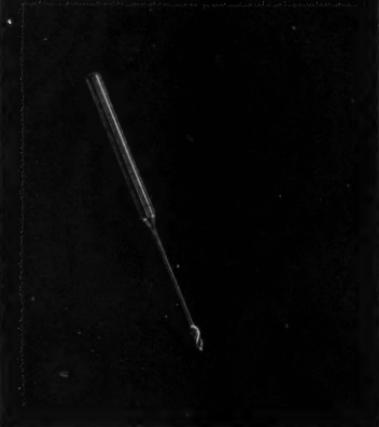
There's one thing about recollecting recollections of events like the printers' strike—events which made you come close to dying when they occurred. You realize you needn't have gotten yourself into such a terrible tizzy at the time. It was awful and frightful and horrible while it lasted, and it shouldn't have happened to a dog—but you lived through it, didn't you? (Look, the man is talking to himself! Ring for the boys in the white coats.)

But it's true, cousins, it's true. There are plenty of troubles on the little planet Earth, but plenty more troubles never happen. Think up some random recollections of your own, especially some events which, at the time, seemed enough to kill you. You're still around, aren't you? And it isn't easy to remember just exactly the details of those big old troubles, is it? But you thought that you'd never, never forget, didn't you?

You and me, too. Just now, before writing this CORNER, I had actually to look up the old records on the printers' strike, dig out something I had written about it in 1942, before I could put these paragraphs on paper. Mac MacCabe had remembered my terrible trouble better than I did myself.

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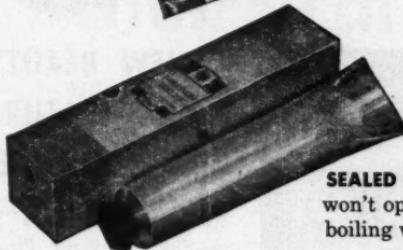


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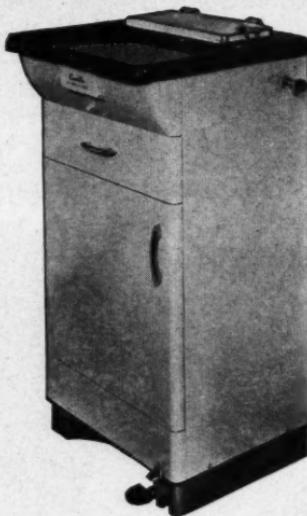
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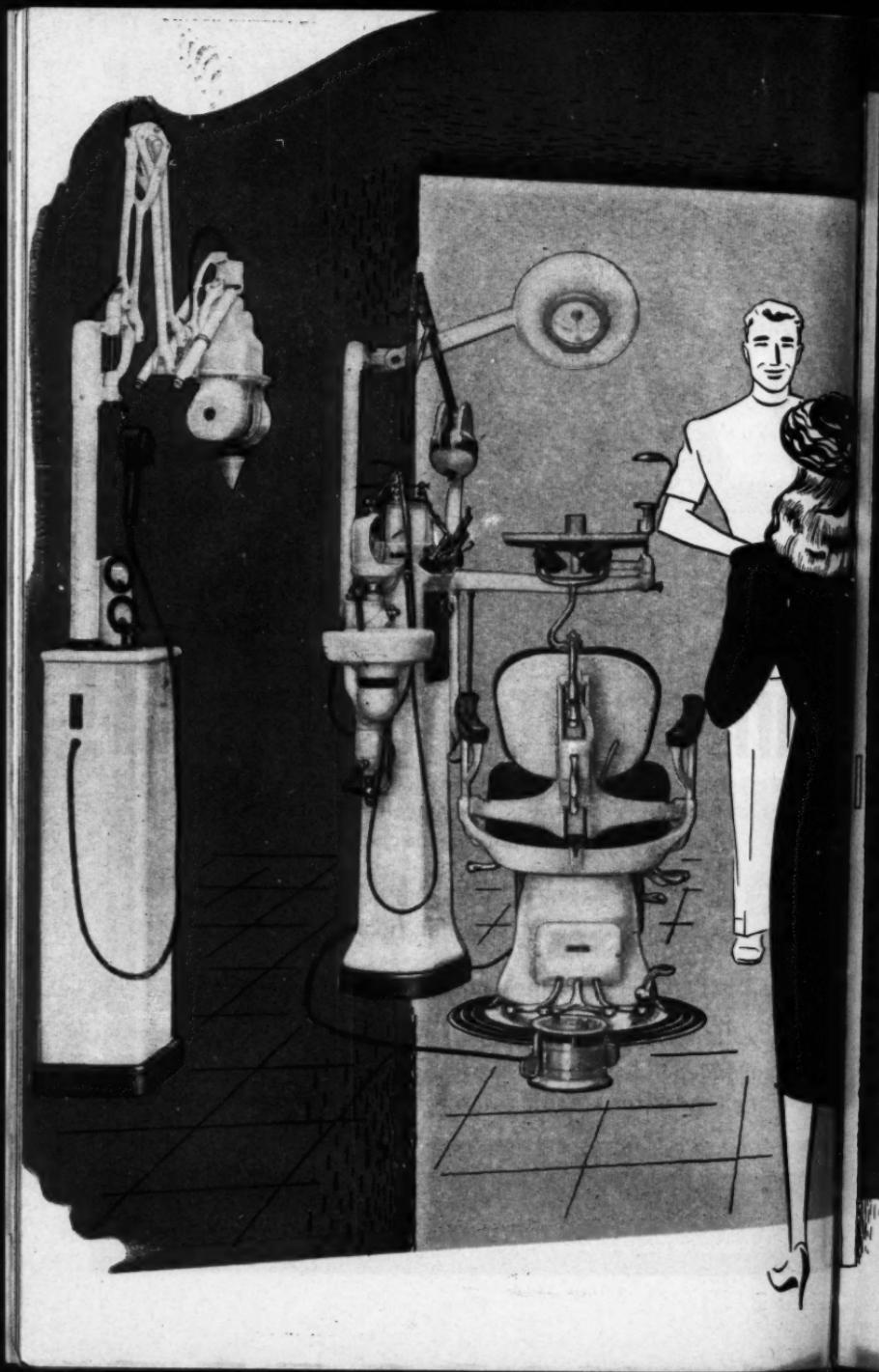
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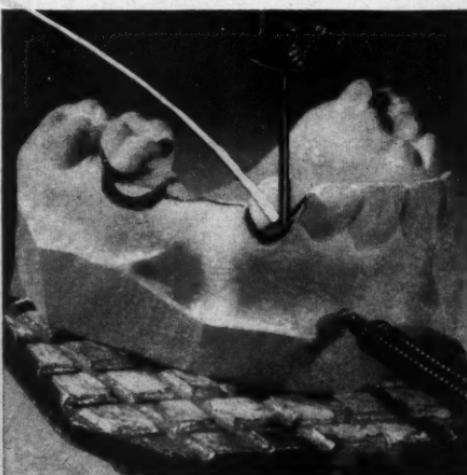
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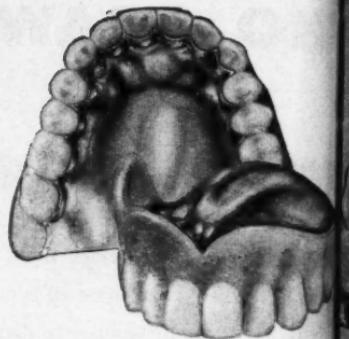
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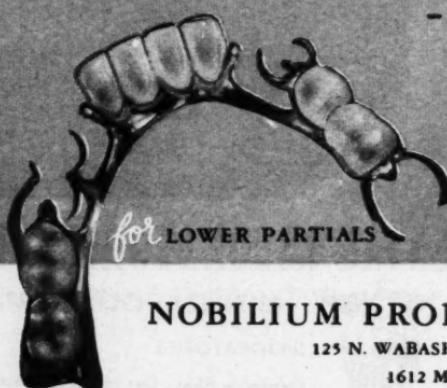
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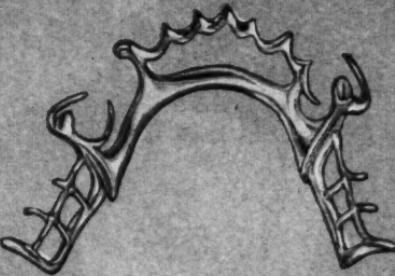


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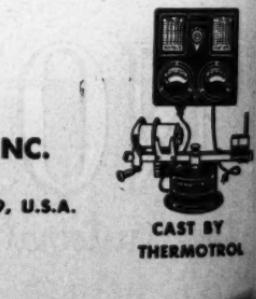
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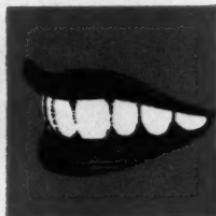
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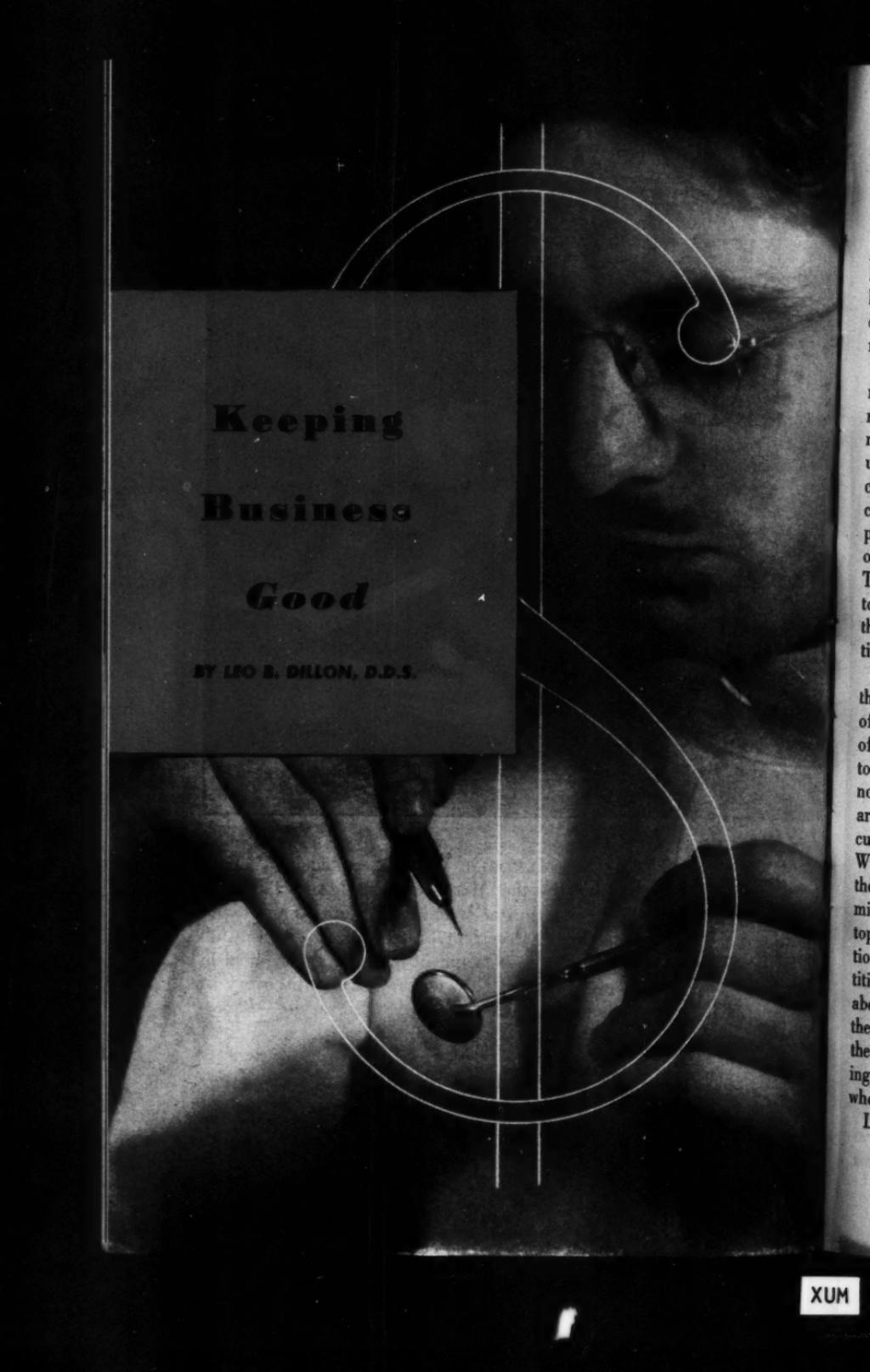
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Keeping Business *Good*

BY LEO B. DILLON, D.D.S.

Stabilize the economy of your dental practice by following these suggestions.

COLLECTIONS are poor. Money is getting tight. Complaints of all kinds are increasing. But do you hear any valuable suggestions to cure the collection problem or correct the complaints?

Find the cause of the disease, remove the cause, and the treatment is easy. The circulation of money is ample. Dental service is urgent. Our offices should be crowded and we should have no collection problem. The dental profession is still woefully short of supplying the services needed. The new blood that has been added to our ranks has hardly replaced the members who have died or retired from disability or old age.

Fears of all kinds are crippling the progress of business. We hear of a depression that is on the way, of a future war. Prices are going to continue to rise. Salaries are not to rise in proportion. Wages are to be raised. Strikes are to occur. Taxes will not be reduced. Wasteful abuses will continue in the national, state, and local administrations of government. These topics are the subjects of conversation in some dental offices. Practitioners will gripe the hardest about their poor collections while they are creating in the minds of their patients reasons for not paying their dentist and others with whom they have incurred debts.

Let us talk about the subject

that is most interesting to us; namely, dentistry. Let us make that subject interesting to the patients by applying the subject to their case, their appearance, their health, their comfort, their children. This is the subject that gives them a lift when they come to your office, and they leave refreshed and actually feel mentally as well as physically benefited from your service. They have all these thoughts of depression, danger of war in the near future, and tax worries. You have given them a health service, you have made them feel a lift mentally and spiritually, which increases your value to them. The conclusion is: they buy and pay for that which they believe gives them best value for their money.

All dentists have enjoyed an increased income during the war years and the years since; all of us have formed living habits developed as a result of this increased income. Some of us have developed habits of thrift. All of us desire to maintain our standard of living and we hope to continue our habits of thrift.

Continuing in that channel of thinking, here are ten commandments of good dental practice that I submit for your careful consideration:

1. *Maintain your high standard of dental service.*

Strange, is it not, that I should

even mention such an assertion? But if I am going to be realistic rather than idealistic, I will have to put it first. I have seen men react to all varieties of conditions, such as the problems of starting a practice, facing a depression, the temptations of boom times, and the pressures of war conditions.

Individual dentists react differently to these periods. Under pressure some resolve to render a service of the highest caliber. They become so enthusiastic about their service that the patients cannot help but feel it.

Under these same pressures, fears of all kinds grip other dentists. They must see everyone who comes into their offices. They fear that other dentists will attract patients who they feel are theirs, so they reduce their fees. If times are good they will have inadequate fees and perform poor service. If times are hard, they cannot afford to do better because they get so little. When they finally become conscience-stricken, habit has made such strong inroads on their characters that they cannot summon the inner discipline necessary to force a change. A small proportion gather up the fragments of their practice and with sheer will power improve their thinking and their modes of practice. You build the kind of a practice you want whether you do it by intelligent planning or by drifting with the tide.

2. Know all your costs to produce this high standard of service.

The knowledge of costs to produce your high standard of service covers more than determining your hourly cost in dollars and cents. Keep an accurate record of the time spent at the chair and at the laboratory for one month (if you do your own laboratory work). Divide these hours into your total monthly expense. In order for this to be absolutely accurate, you should do this for a year.

You have an investment in your education and your equipment that might earn interest if used otherwise. Your equipment depreciates. This is an added cost that is individual. Dentists should have a markup above their computed hourly cost. Also included in this markup is the cost of acquiring exceptional skill, which may be ascertained from numerous experimental tests in your office. This skill may result from postgraduate courses. All other businesses have their markup costs. Why don't we dentists do something about it?

3. Arrive at your fee scale.

Your cost is individual. Then your fees have to be individual. You add to your cost a reasonable profit and the sum of your cost and profit is your minimum fee.

Everyone can determine how long it takes him to perform an individual service without either tension or hurry and, based on the time element, arrive at the minimum fee. Of course, the size of the town, the economic status of the patients, the habits and customs of the people in the vicinity, all have a

bearing on the fee scale. The prevailing fee of other dentists has little if any influence on your fee. The industrialist, banker, merchant, and capitalist spend more on their clothing, pleasure, health, and comfort than the laborer and clerk. They expect to pay more for their dentistry.

4. Inform yourself fully about the patient's income, obligations, tastes, and his sense of values so you can individualize every case.

When a new patient asks for an appointment, have your secretary immediately call your credit bureau for credit information. When the patient arrives, my secretary gives him our acquaintance form to fill out. It has been exceptional to have anyone object to this form. It has saved us from treating "dead-beats." On the back of this form is space for the credit bureau report, so I have all the information about this patient on one sheet.

My assistant escorts the patient to one of my operating rooms, seats the patient, tells me the patient is ready, and when I come in she introduces me to the patient. I ask, "Are you in pain?" If the patient is in pain or uncomfortable, render the service to correct this immediately. If the patient says "no," I then ask: "Is there any service that you feel is urgent now?" Listen attentively, and plan from this conversation how to sell him a complete dental diagnosis which is not difficult if you have a method prepared. You should at this opportunity carefully note the

type of dental service his mouth reveals, ask questions in a manner that will determine his opinion of this service. Get his sense of values as it relates to dentistry. Tell him how necessary it is to know the condition of each tooth from the crown to the root end. You will know your patient well if you have observed carefully, listened attentively, made your deductions, and formed your conclusions.

The sense of values of patients is surprising. People with little income often place a high value on your services and buy a service that you cannot sell to well-to-do people. Let us find the right appeal for these well-to-do people.

5. Diagnose your cases carefully, completely, and accurately, using all the means at your disposal such as clinical examination, roentgenograms, pulp tests, and study cast.

If you know the extent of the diseased area, you can arrive at an estimate that will almost be the actual fee. Let us take more time to render a diagnosis. The more you know about the condition present, the more assurances you can give the patient and the more poised you will be at your presentation. This will add greatly to the confidence you will inspire in the patient and the more willingly will he accept your recommendations when you present them.

6. Evaluate all the information up to now and estimate your total fee for the entire case.

You have a knowledge of the patient from personal association.

You have a credit report. You have made your diagnosis. Review all these facts in your mind. Read again the facts written in the patient's case history. From all this information, list the individual services and arrive at your total fee.

For some patients I recommend one estimate. "Mr. Patient, this is the service of choice that will restore your mouth to health and comfort. No other plan will do as well and you want the best service, do you not?"

For other patients you can offer as many as three estimates. You must know your patients and be sure they understand the limitations and differences between each plan offered.

7. *Use all the educational aids and selling slants to create a definite want that will induce the patient to buy your service.*

You mentally classify this patient; that is, is he health-minded, appearance-minded, prestige-minded, or price-minded?

Plan your next appointment accordingly. You cannot have a "canned" sales talk. You must have several. Emphasize the appeal that you think fits him; adroitly bring in other appeals. When you have casually mentioned an appeal and he shows unusual interest, hammer on that appeal. For instance, suppose you are emphasizing appearance and he shows an interest in comfort and economics. "Mr. Patient, this service will give you comfort with less chance of future

trouble than any other form of service I know. You are interested in a satisfactory service that will last for the longest possible time, are you not?"

This is the appointment that makes you a success or a failure. Use your imagination. Do your best to see your patient in a way that will help you present his case in a manner that will give dentistry its highest value so he will buy. This will make you have your highest valuation for dental service, acting as a stimulus to prod you to your highest performance of dental skill. Watch your patient to determine that he understands what you are telling him. Use models, charts, and samples. They are a great help when needed, although they have a "kickback" if not needed.

8. *Finance the service satisfactorily to both your patient and yourself.*

Accounts are financed by: (a) cash (b) pay as you go, (c) financing through a loan company or bank (d) open account, (e) installment contract or budget plan.

What is his credit reputation? If it is good, then let him buy on open account, or a combination of an initial payment and the balance on open account.

You can take a small income earner with a good reputation and work out a budget plan. That will prove satisfactory. He buys his radio and car this way, so you had better finance the account the same way. Here is an index that

has proved correct for us. We look at the size of our total fee and we note what the credit bureau says he now owes on his car, radio, and other purchases. Remember that he can stretch his income so far and no further.

Dentistry is a commodity of health service and like other commodities must be marked in the like manner. Cash is no *solution*.

We should realize that dental service is not begun and completed at one sitting; therefore, the patient who says he will pay cash is not an entire Utopia in himself. You should have a credit report on this patient. The person who pays cash may be one who has been refused credit because of a bad prior credit record. Or he may be one who is so affluent that he can easily care for his personal needs. The chief disadvantage to you in such cases is that the extent of your service must be governed by the cash in hand, and you may not be able to carry out the program that the patient needs.

All five ways of financing dental accounts have their strong points and their weak points. We dentists, along with meeting the many requirements necessary to build a successful practice, have to be financiers and credit managers, too.

9. *Be fair to your professional colleagues and assistants, your patients, and your creditors.*

We blame others for our shortcomings and assume all the credit for any element of success. On a

fair and impartial analysis we deserve but little credit for the station we occupy in human society. Quoting from Jack Lacy:

(1) The brain that you were given to begin with: You had nothing to do with that.

(2) The circumstances that surrounded you on the way up: You had very little to do with them.

(3) The amount of effort you put in to succeed: You contributed that part, the least important of the three.

Of all the people making a worthy contribution to our success, we must give credit to our helpers. These include our professional colleagues, our commercial technicians or laboratory company, local supply houses, and dental manufacturers.

There is no such thing as a self-made man. Some put forth an unusual amount of effort and have the good fortune to have a better sense of value and the judgment to take full advantage of their opportunities. They also possess exceptional energy, coupled with an overdose of aggressiveness. With that they need a sense of justice and a feeling of charity and understanding toward those they meet in all their professional and business relationships.

10. *Acquire the habit of thrift.*

You cannot be well-poised and well-adjusted if you are worried and harassed by the thought of a poor month or the sudden cessation of business activity brought on by accident, sickness, or other

emergency. These situations can be avoided only by acquiring the habit of thrift.

Let us try to look at ourselves as the patients see us. Do we appear an interested partner in keeping them in good health, or do we appear as a tradesman swapping dollars for dentistry? Everything about us—our appearance, our handshake, our mannerism, our voice, either attracts or repels people. With that thought in mind, we must try to present our true self to everybody. When we have kept our mind with thoughts attuned to the patients' welfare and felt sincerely that in doing them a service we elevate their estimation of us and our profession, we are truly professional men. We should tie our patients to us with a tie of affection and interest, and when we have completed the necessary service we should end this relationship in a manner like this: "Mrs. Blank, it has certainly been a pleasure to have served you and to have known you as intimately as this service has made possible. I can assure you that your mouth is now in a state of health, but having studied the conditions that were present when you came to me it will be absolutely necessary for me to see you in four months. During the interval of that time I hope you will carry out all my instructions to maintain this present health level. If I do not see you at

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that time you must assume a much greater responsibility for the consequences of your delay."

Everybody who has anything to sell is making a wild scramble for the consumer's dollar. No weapon is barred and all are taking full advantage of it. The radio, the newspaper, the billboard, and personal salesmanship, are all bombarding the customer with the attractiveness of what is offered. Dentistry stands by helplessly. Our only weapon is personal salesmanship, and many of our patients already have been fully "milked" before we see them. We had better do something about it. The shortage of dentists is one of the many reasons why we do not need the weapons that the salesman is using. The influx of patients into our offices now is such that if we did all the dentistry that they needed and could be persuaded to buy, it would more than keep us busy. But since more dentistry is going out of our offices undone than that which we are doing, we had better do something about improving our practices.

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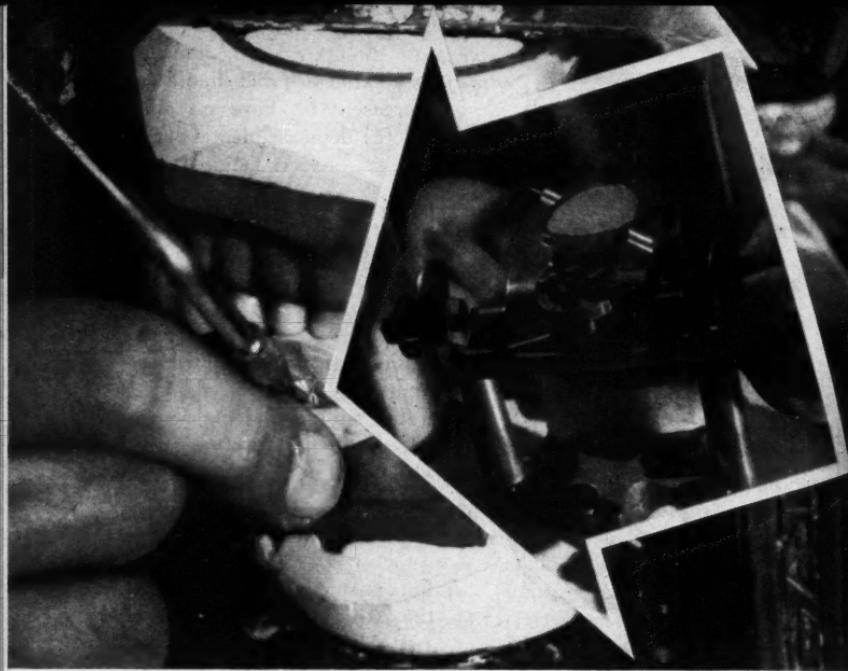
QUIZ LXI

1. A cementoma contains (a) only cementum, (b) cementum and enamel, (c) cementum and dentine.
2. Is calcification of the pulp of deciduous teeth ever noted?
3. The pain of pulpitis results primarily from (a) thermal changes, (b) pressure on nerve endings, (c) chemical reactions.
4. With a favorable occlusion,

an alkaline ash diet should (a) increase, (b) have no effect on, (c) decrease, dental caries.

5. Should amalgam be mulled in the palm?
6. With fluorine present in amounts of 1 ppm in domestic water supplies, dental caries is reduced (a) 20-30 per cent, (b) 60-70 per cent, (c) 90-95 per cent.
7. For posterior bitewing films, the exposure time should be (a) the same as, (b) 20 per cent longer than, (c) 75 per cent longer than, that for periapical examinations.
8. Why is hyperplasia of the dentine possible?
9. In the absence of pain, small doses of the barbiturates will usually induce sleep within (a) five, (b) thirty, (c) sixty, minutes.
10. What causes the so-called "black line" in porcelain inlays?

FOR CORRECT ANSWERS SEE PAGE 1538



Do You Do It in Your Office, Doctor?

By Edward L. Wharton, D.D.S.

IN THE EARLY years of my practice, I conceived an idea regarding the sterilization of instruments. It was to immerse them in pure grain alcohol, which was rather cheap at that time, and allow them to remain there until needed. I wrote a short article about it which was published in a dental periodical. It drew a few letters, one or two of which were so commendatory that I thought I had better try the method myself. I do not know how these dentists who wrote the letters of praise made out, but when I used it in my office it was a mistake. The instruments rusted, and, when I removed them, the alcohol ran down over my oak cabinet and took off the varnish, and the office

Are the techniques demonstrated by clinicians of practical use in your operating room?

acquired the odor of a cheap saloon. On paper it was a good idea, but it was no good in the office.

Local Anesthesia

A number of years ago I attended a lecture on the administration of procaine. The instructor had a diagram of the head and showed us where to insert the needle for all types of operations. When he made his injection, there was no operation he could not perform. When he injected the needle, that tooth was anesthetized. After the class was over, I edged up to the lecturer and said to him, "Doctor, I have tried to do as you say it should be done, but sometimes I only get partial anesthesia and again none at all. What is wrong?"

"Oh, Doctor," he replied, "if you get a good result seven out of ten times you are doing better than average."

That is what I thought. I recalled that when I was new at dentistry and attended meetings, I listened with open ears and believed it all. I went back to my office and tried new techniques. Failing more than once, I almost decided that dentistry was not for me, that I had taken up the wrong vocation. And I thought of the young men in this class who would return to their offices and give their first inject-

ions, all of which might be the three failures, and grow discouraged, not knowing that the next seven would be all right.

Why cannot clinicians and lecturers tell the truth and admit an occasional failure, instead of being smug and complacent about their subject? Most of them do not want to teach; they just want to show off.

Resection

I once saw a man resect the inferior dental nerve. It was marvelous, the way he did it. He made a small hole in the region of the foramen ovale somewhere back among the gasserian ganglia. Then, with a small pair of tweezers, he took out a section of the nerve just as easily as you would remove a worm from your garden. I was not too much impressed by this, as I had heard that there were only three men in the country who were capable of performing this operation, and he was not one of these three. I also was skeptical because the only instruments he used were a piece of chalk and a blackboard. Maybe he did it that way in his office.

It may be that you have made a full upper and lower denture occasionally, as I have, in which, although the tryins were perfect, when the dentures were placed in the mouth, the teeth did not meet in the anterior region. If so, you probably did as I have done. You got out the carbon paper and ground away at the molars, hope-

fully wishing that the anterior teeth would come together soon.

I attended a course of lectures on this subject. The instructor called it, "The Avoidance of High Posterior Occlusion," or some equally high-sounding title. We sat and listened to *over-compression* and *under-compression centric occlusion, lateral thrust*, and so on. He made a case for us. I supplied the edentulous patient for him. There was only one difficulty: When he put the finished dentures in the mouth, the anteriors did not meet by a good many millimeters; in fact, by about a quarter of an inch. I remember the man standing next to me saying, "Hm, that's the way we do it."

But did this disturb our instructor? Not at all. He merely said, "And now, gentlemen, we come to the last step which is called 'mill-ing-around.'" Then he took some carbon paper and used it until his fingers were blue. He ground away, even as you and I would. He could have saved us considerable time and some money had he simply said in the beginning, "This is something that happens to all of us at times," and let it go at that. Of course, he did not perform this in his own office. Perhaps it would have been different there.

Rubber Dam

I once heard a lecture on what was then called "treatment of teeth." This later became root canal therapy and now goes by the name of "pepodontia." (Or is "pep-

odontia" children's dentistry? There are so many "dontias" that I can no longer keep them all straight.) He made the statement that the rubber dam should always be used in this procedure. Perhaps you see teeth you are treating on which you can use the rubber dam. The teeth I see that need pulp removal are so broken and worn down at the gingival margin that the rubber dam is useless. I questioned him after the talk. He said, "I never use the dam in my office, but it seemed to be the thing to say so I put it in the paper." And, mind you, he was a professor in a college and was teaching this to students.

Speaking of the various "dontias," if I may digress for a moment, I once had an office on a street which was inhabited largely by dentists. One day a patient came in and said, "Doctor, you have set me straight several times and now I am going to impose upon you again. I once saw a sign on this street which stated that the man was an exodontist. You told me that he practiced exodontia and extracted teeth. Then I saw a sign which said that another fellow was an orthodontist. You patiently explained that he practiced orthodontia and straightened crooked teeth. Now I see a guy with a sign, prosthodontist. What does he do?" I told him that a prosthodontist was a man who made false teeth. To this he replied, "Then why doesn't he say what he does, instead of having a sign like that?"

I no longer extract teeth. Never-

theless, I went to see an exodontist operate. He was supposed to be an expert; the kind that Simpson used to tell about who work so fast that they keep two in the air all the time. He was fast, but I was disillusioned to learn later that all his clinic cases were roentgenographed and carefully selected beforehand. They were the kind which, although they looked difficult, any right-handed dentist could remove easily with his left hand.

Do you worry sometimes when you see those perfect cavity preparations on the amalgam dies when the inlay specialists give their clinics? Everything is so exact. The slice is just as it shou'd be, the margins are precise, and there is not the slightest indication of an undercut. I felt remorseful about mine, until I learned that most of these dies are carefully "doctored" before they are shown. Ask your laboratory man about some of the preparations he gets. These are from the office.

Here is a series of three techniques which practitioners performed in their offices.

The first was performed by a periodontist. He regenerated the alveolar process and caused it to grow again so that the teeth were held firmly in place as of earlier years. He had an article published about it and showed roentgenograms, to prove that he did it. Of course, this took some time to do and was expensive to the patient. A friend of mine read about the technique and did the same thing

in his office, except that he did it in a short time. My friend took two roentgenograms at the same sitting. He lengthened the angle in one and shortened the angle in the other. In the roentgenograms with the angle lengthened, the bone was almost gone; in the one with the angle shortened the bone was back almost in its original position. He sent the two roentgenograms to the specialist and told him that he had obtained the same results as he had; but that it only took him five minutes to do it. He never received a reply.

Orthodontist

The second technique was performed by an orthodontist in the days when orthodontia was called regulating teeth. The lecturer told the class that he was doing some regulating for a woman who was 44 years old. He did not seem to like it when a member of the class said, "Doctor, what are you regulating, her bowels?"

The third technique involved root canal therapy. There was a dentist who at one time was considered excellent in this field; at least in his own opinion. A friend told me to take his course because, as he said, "When you see the mistakes he makes, you will feel better about your own service."

I took it and must confess that I do not remember much about the course, but he consumed one evening telling us about a patient of his who had a toothache. The patient called up our friend one

evening and told him that he was suffering and would he see him. Our instructor said that he would, and proceeded to tell us about the preparations he made to take care of him. He explained at length how he did not have any assistant to help him, his x-ray machine was a bit uncertain, his light was not too good, and he apparently had to sterilize all the instruments in the cabinet. One might have thought that he was getting ready to remove a tumor from the brain. He was most scientific. From his description, the case was one of those teeth that has started to abscess. You know the kind. All you have to do is drill a hole in it, let the air out, and your patient says, "Oh, Doctor, that feels better already."

But not so with this dentist. He used the rubber dam and opened the tooth; removed part of the dead pulp, thereby stirring it up; inserted a dressing and sealed it with cement. Then he said most impressively, "And do you know, gentlemen, that patient didn't get any relief."

One of the class timidly ventured to remark, "Doctor, don't you think that if you had left the tooth open it might have been better?"

The scientist, with a contemptu-

ous look that I have seldom seen equaled, replied, "Gentlemen, I would never think of leaving a tooth open."

My neighbor whispered to me, "He may be very up to date, but if he had left the tooth open the patient would have had relief which he probably would have preferred to such ultrascientific treatment."

Another clinician I heard lecture on root canal treatment had this to report. Three times was all he required, sometimes only two, to remove a pulp and fill the canal. I do not know about you, but I frequently take a dozen or more times before I get the canal in the proper condition to fill it. I think that some practitioners treat the tooth three times and, if it is not ready, they extract the tooth. This enables them to maintain their high batting average. But this dentist's claims were fantastic, and one by one the audience began to walk out. Finally, someone asked him what his experience was with third molars. He said, "Gentlemen, it may sound strange to you, but my most successful work has been with the third molars." Then, we all walked out.

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Yes, Organized Dentistry



Can Meet The Challenge

An extensive dental educational program for laymen is advocated by this dentist.

BY ROBERT C. WRIGHT, D.D.S.

IN AN ARTICLE in the June issue of *ORAL HYGIENE*, Doctor Harry Berlin discusses the challenge to organized dentistry of improving the dental health of the Nation.¹ It is a well-known fact that only 20 to 25 per cent of the population receive adequate dental care. The other 75 to 80 per cent receive, usually, enough care to keep them relieved of pain. It also is true that 112,000,000 people have their health in jeopardy because of inadequate dental care. It is a generally conceded fact that human life can be extended on the average by eight or nine years with proper dental care.

The problem is to supply these

112,000,000 people with the necessary treatment. This is not a problem of educating more dentists; it is a problem of educating the public as a whole to the necessity and desirability of dental care. People already know of the need for extraction if "a tooth aches." What the public should know is the need for preventive treatment, removal of infection, restoration of functional mastication, and for pride in esthetics.

Although there are not at the present time enough dentists to take care of all our population, radically increasing the number of dentists will not necessarily get these 75 to 80 per cent of the people into dental offices. Do not think for a minute that all the thousands of dentists in the country have their chair time filled to capacity.

¹Berlin Harry: Can Organized Dentistry Meet the Challenge? *ORAL HYGIENE* 39:880 (June) 1949.

Some dental operators are booked solid, of that you can be sure. But since the end of the war boom, with money getting "harder," I think you will find dental practices decreasing. Especially is this true in prosthetics. This fact can be established easily by talking with your laboratory owner. When laboratory owners come to your office soliciting your business, you know that the fabrication of prosthetic appliances is decreasing.

When the demand for dental care is increased, the increase in the number of dentists will take care of itself. Inadequate distribution of dentists also is not the main problem. Wherever there is a need for a dentist and enough money available to give him a fair income, there will soon be a dentist available. The story about Carter County, Tennessee, residents receiving dental care from an unlicensed dentist authorized to practice by the State Legislature because no licensed dentist would live there gives a false impression of an extreme need for a dentist. The clipping states that "the 4000 residents of Carter County, Tennessee, are going to get their teeth fixed. . ." The state registry shows that there are seven dentists practicing in that county.

There are three reasons why people do not avail themselves of necessary treatment: (1) ignor-

ance of the benefits of dental treatment; (2) fear of the pain which might be involved; (3) unwillingness or inability to pay for treatment. The main reason, of course, is the financial one. In the majority of cases it is not a matter of inability but of unwillingness to pay. These same people can afford new automobiles, liquor, tobacco, fine clothes, motion pictures, and beauty parlor treatments. They are not willing to classify dental treatment as a necessity. In a welfare state with free dentistry, these people would avail themselves readily of treatment.

A good percentage of our population are unable to pay for treatment. Treatment for these people must be the responsibility of an organized welfare program.

Reciprocity

The need for dentistry (do not mistake need for demand) is no argument for reciprocity in dental licensing. The fact that half of the dentists are located in six states has no relation to the need of other states. Dentists are located in these states because of concentrated population and wealth. If all the people in those six states availed themselves of treatment, those dentists located there would be needed. Dentists locate in areas where there is promise of an adequate income for themselves and their families.

In these states with fewer dentists, there no doubt are young men capable of becoming educated as able dental practitioners. These young men will become dentists as the demand for more dentists arises. There is no need for a national dental license so that dentists may move about the country freely. Most dentists practice all their lives in one city or town. If we are going to give all the people dental care, there will be as much need for a dentist's service in one state as in another.

If a recent graduate is not sure where he wishes to practice, the Army or Navy would be glad to have him for an extended tour of duty during which time he could be making up his mind and at the same time be gainfully employed.

The Selective Service Act during the recent war did bring to light the fact that a large part of those men examined were unfit for service and were rejected because of dental defects. This was not because they could not find anyone to treat them, but because they were unable financially or unwilling to undergo treatment. The fact that a large part of the public does not receive treatment is no reason for a National Dental Health Insurance law. There is no doubt that with such a law a large percentage of those people covered by the law would request and undergo necessary treatment. As long as we live in a republic and not in a socialistic state, dentists should have the right of free enter-

prise and not have to compete with the state for practice. Each person living in this republic should have the right to determine whether he will spend his money for dental care or whether he will spend it some other way.

The indigent should be assisted so that dental care is made available to him. This should be taken care of on the state and local level. Any move to handle this on a federal level is a move toward state medicine and a socialistic state.

There is a greater appreciation of that service for which we provide and pay ourselves. When the general public is educated to appreciate dentistry as a health service, and when each person develops pride in his appearance, there will be no problem of dental care for the people.

It is not the problem or duty of the government and organized dentistry to provide free or prepaid dental care, but it is the duty of these two groups to educate the people to appreciate our health service.

The problem that is facing us now is not a new one. This condition has always been with us and we are not going to have any radical change. With a prepaid government program we would not have enough dentists to give everyone treatment, but, with an educational program, as the demand for dental service increases the number of dentists will increase in proportion.

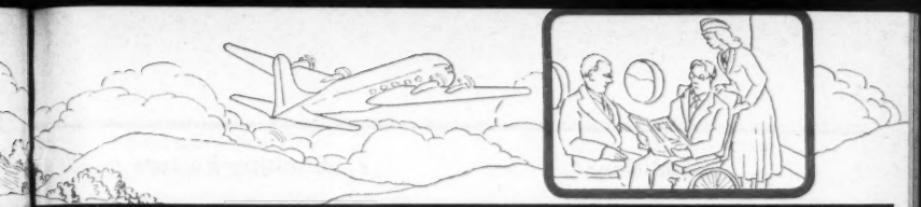
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Medical Contraindications

To Air Travel* Conclusion

Conditions	Limiting Factors
Mental and Nervous Conditions (Continued)	
Poliomyelitis	<i>Not less than one month after onset (must be noninfectious). Unable to walk to lavatory. Respiratory involvement during illness</i>
Other palsies	<i>Lack of control of bowel and bladder. Unable to walk to lavatory</i>
Pregnancy	<i>Must not be beyond eighth month of pregnancy. Evidence or history of repeated or threatened abortion, eclampsia, or travel sickness</i>
Respiratory Diseases	
Asthma	<i>Severe attacks. Cardiac or renal basis</i>
Emphysema and bronchitic conditions	<i>Dyspnea. Cardiac lesion. Offensive sputum</i>
Fibrosis of lungs	<i>Extensive</i>
Lobectomy and pneumonectomy	<i>Must be more than three months since operation. Breathlessness on moderate exertion</i>
Pleurisy	
1. Dry	<i>Pain and extent of lesion. Fever</i>

*Excerpt from the *British Medical Journal*, April 9, 1949.



Essential Facilities And Precautions in Flight

Whether Advisable to Travel by Air

Attendant, if patient is not freely mobile. Oxygen must be available Acceptable

Attendant, if patient is not freely mobile. Oxygen must be available Decide each case on its merits

Insure that retention belt is around pelvis, not abdomen, at take-off and landing. Sit in backward-facing seat, if available. Oxygen must be available. Hyoscine to prevent airsickness If medical certificate is satisfactory and weather conditions are favorable for smooth flight at altitudes under 9,000 ft. Oxygen available. Pressurized aircraft advisable

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Conditions	Limiting Factors
Respiratory Diseases (continued)	
2. Wet	<i>If one side of chest is more than half filled. (Tap if necessary)</i>
Pneumonia	<i>Must be more than a month since recovery</i>
Pneumothorax (artificial)	<i>Refill must have been done more than seven days before flight. Degree of displacement. If mediastinum is fixed, lung must be not less than three-quarters expanded. Bilateral involvement</i>
Pneumoperitoneum	<i>Refills must not be more than 2,000 ml. at each site, and must have been done more than seven days before flight</i>
Tuberculosis	
1. Active	<i>Danger of hemoptysis and spread of infection</i>
2. Healed	<i>As proved by: (1) Recent examination of sputum showing no evidence of tubercle bacilli. (2) Roentgenogram of lungs. (3) Clinical condition</i>

Tumors

Depends on site and presence of metastases and nature of complications

**Essential Facilities
And Precautions in Flight**

**Whether Advisable to
Travel by Air**

Maximum altitude 5,000 ft. Oxygen must be available. Move about as little as possible. Physician or nurse in attendance	Normally reject. If essential, travel in aircraft pressurized at 5,000 ft.
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Maximum altitude 5,000 ft. Oxygen must be available. Move about as little as possible	Normally reject. If essential, travel below 5,000 ft.
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Maximum altitude 5,000 ft. Oxygen must be available. Move about as little as possible	Reject unless sputum is free from tubercle bacilli, or any cavity is controlled by collapse therapy
Maximum altitude 8,500 ft. Oxygen must be available	Acceptable if flight below 8,500 ft. can be guaranteed
As required by symptoms	Depends on case



Cary Middlecoff doffs his white sun visor and bows to the gallery a few minutes after winning the Reading Open Golf Tournament.—Reading, Pennsylvania, Times Photograph.

He Fills Cavities with an Iron*

BY HENRY F. UNGER

TEMPORARILY, Doctor Cary Middlecoff has put aside his dental instruments. But don't let that fool you—he's still filling cavities. This time they are those green-grass-surrounded cavities found on every golf course. In fact, the Memphis, Tennessee, dentist has developed such a skill in depositing the little white pills into the course cups that even the top professionals in his ranks have not as yet caught up with him.

Cary Middlecoff, the dentist who

*This interview was written especially for
ORAL HYGIENE.

in 1947 got in a corner with himself, and thought, "If, in a year, I'm not convinced that I can become another Ben Hogan or Byron Nelson, I'll give up tournament play. After all, I can always make a living as a dentist," has perhaps battled and played his way to the top of the golfing heap faster than any other player known.

The likeable dentist warded off the veteran Sammy Snead's onrush by knitting together a final score of 286 to win the National Open Golf Championship, in its forty-ninth run, at the Medinah Country Club in Chicago. It was a climax so far in the career of the husky

A Tennessee dentist, Doctor Cary Middlecoff, is this country's No. 1 golfer.

dentist—a golf pro who refused to despair.

To Cary Middlecoff, the 28-year-old wonder of the golf links, his National Open Championship was a realization of childhood dreams. He dates his introduction to golf from the day that his family moved from Little Halls, Tennessee, to Memphis. Cary, the future dentist-golfing champion, was only 6 years old then. A dentist-father, with a passion for golf, was all Cary needed. He never missed an after-school session of golf.

When Cary was only 9, he entered his first tournament, a junior high school affair, and reached the finals. At 14, he ran off with the

tournament, leaving a tremendous gap between himself and the nearest competitor. There were other interests, but golf occupied the top rung among them. About it, Cary was serious.

Next stop for the amazing golf champion was the Christian Brothers College. He pushed on to the University of Tennessee College of Dentistry in Memphis. A good dentist, Cary could not, however, evade the urgings of the golf course.

Even at 16 and in high school, Cary wrestled with two inner opponents—the urge to be a dentist or a champion golfer. Then one day he made his decision—he would follow his father's profession and



Winning score 266 that brought \$2,600 prize in the Reading Open is pointed out by Middlecoff, while Sammy Snead points to his record.—Reading Eagle Photograph.



Middlecoff autographs a ball for the admiring 8-year-old son of Bud White, his playing partner; as the Memphis dentist's wife, Edith, smiles happily.—Reading Eagle Photograph.

become a competent dentist.

But "Pop" Middlecoff, already well established in the dental field, was not sure about son Cary's decision. He saw the look in Cary's eye whenever the boy approached a golf course and when he fondled a new golf club.

"Pop" advised the only wise course. "Drop into the office frequently, Cary, and help out in the laboratory. See if you like the profession before making your decision."

Cary liked dentistry. At the University of Mississippi he prepared for his dental education and then

entered the University of Tennessee in 1940. War came but Cary landed his degree as an Army enlisted man on inactive service and went on regular duty as a dental officer in 1943.

While treating the teeth of thousands of GI's, Cary acquired a firm grip on dentistry. But the lure of tournament golf play was still there. He fought it day and night and then returned to his father's office where he proved an able assistant; particularly with child patients.

But Edith Buck now began to confuse Cary's heart. Soon he

ted that by marrying her. Prior to marriage he had turned down the invitation to join the famed 1947 U. S. Walker Cup team. He was storing away his dental equipment and heading for gold in the many green-carpeted golf courses throughout the Nation.

Together, Doctor Cary and Edith hit the tournament trail. They had hashed and rehashed the fifty-week-a-year grinding schedule of the tournament player. Neither minded the grind, the hotel living, the pressure of tournament play.

King of the golfers, Doctor Middlecoff does not profess to superstition—even though he gave some evidence of it in his National Open play. His erratic 75 in the opening round had virtually eliminated the hopeful from the championship circle when the dentist came up with an idea. He hand-painted his putter after the poor first day and then proceeded to click for two standout rounds and his fifth 1949 victory. His swing throughout the tournament was also a re-do of his old style, made under professional supervision halfway through his winter tour.

J. C. Fondren, a Memphis professional, had tutored Middlecoff, making him into one of the Nation's top amateurs before he turned pro. He told about the makeover of his pupil's swing. "Cary was bringing the club head up too fast. We worked on it this past winter. I made him move his club back past his knee before he broke his wrists to move the club head up.

That corrected it and he's been playing fine golf since."

Doctor Middlecoff's two top rounds in the National Open were credited to his work with the putter. Disappointed by his opening 75, the dentist retouched his self-constructed club with his wife's black nail polish and the stick came through to win the championship.

Doctor Middlecoff puts it this way: "When you're putting badly, anything you can do helps sometimes. I just think I can line them up better with the black surface against the white ball."

One tap on the green carpet of the Reading Country Club made the difference of victory over defeat for the dentist in the \$15,000 Reading Open Golf tournament. Topnotcher Sammy Snead missed in an attempt for a birdie on the eighteenth, while dentist Cary finished like a true champion.

A slight hook had curved Doctor Middlecoff's drive about a foot off the fairway. A perfect approach evaded the trap and landed the ball just six feet from the pin. A quick line-up of the putt and the National Open champion deposited the ball in the cup for a score of 266. With the 12-under par victory came a purse of \$2,600 for the winner. The dentist's golf earnings rose to \$13,749.¹

Winning the National Open title, which, according to experts, could gross Doctor Middlecoff \$100,000

¹After the George S. May "World Championship" Tournament at Chicago in August, Cary Middlecoff's winnings for the year reached \$24,604.

before the year runs out, is not upsetting the dentist. Refreshingly frank, the Tennessean admits to being in no hurry to cash in on his title. "I know that most of the fellows who win the Open figure they have to get their money out of it fast, and the faster the better before your name cools off," the champion remarked. But pausing in reflection, he continued, "I'm not passing up any money, but I'm planning to take it a little easier, keep my game in tune, and go on winning tournaments. That makes the title worth more to me over a longer period, maybe for a full year."

"Pop" Middlecoff admires his son's level-headed outlook. He remembers those days when young Cary was making his decision. The winter circuit of 1947, which placed the dentist in the third highest bracket of money-makers in the golf field with a collection of nearly \$7000 despite a slow start, convinced the young practitioner that he would allow dentistry to rest awhile. His first five tournaments had netted him only \$300, and then he began his drive which carried him to the top of golfdom.

After his play in the Masters and a checkup with his bankbook,

Doctor Middlecoff concluded that he was in his chosen field. He would never, however, give up dentistry. He went home for a complete rest and decided that he would give the game one more year and see what would happen.

Personable Doctor Middlecoff remembers the turning point in his golf career. He had been landing fourth and fifth places in the tournaments, and then suddenly he and Jim Ferrier were in Miami on a four-ball tourney. Doctor Middlecoff was carrying the tag "brightest prospect in the business." But this was not putting money in his pocket. The dentist was also a realist. With Ferrier, he helped to beat Bobby Locke and Lloyd Mangrum.

What happened on the Medina Country Club course in Chicago proved to Doctor Middlecoff that he had taken the best course. His swing was flawless. His handling of irons was expert. So said Walter Hagen and Bobby Jones. His bankbook was swelling. He was the most sought-after golfer on the horizon—a National Open Champion who can really fill those golf course cavities.

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THE COVER

OUR COVER this month features a scene from St. Louis where the Ninth Annual Mid-Continent Dental Congress will be held November 27-30 at the Hotel Jefferson.

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Dentists in the NEWS



New York (New York) World Telegram: Ninety children in Brooklyn are learning to care for their teeth and are receiving early dental treatment because of the volunteer service of Doctor Rose Jewel Sachs, Brooklyn dentist. These are the children who spend their days at the Hebrew Day Nursery while their mothers work.

For eighteen years, Doctor Sachs has been devoting a half-day a week to the Nursery. Each Thursday afternoon a few of the children go down to the nursery dental office where they receive examinations and any treatment required. Each child sees Doctor Sachs at least three times a year.

"I get more enjoyment out of working with these children than I could find at a party," Doctor Sachs reports. She is a widow and carries on her private practice in her home where she plays her violin every morning until the first patient arrives. Music is one of her favorite recreations and she is a member of the Brooklyn Doctors Symphony Orchestra.

Minneapolis (Minnesota) Star: Two former Minnesota dentists have been

named to positions in the Public Health Service in Washington, D. C. Doctor John W. Knutson, a graduate of the University of Minnesota and Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene, has been appointed Chief of the Division of Dental Public Health.

Doctor Bruce Forsyth, who was associated for a time with the Mayo Clinic, Rochester, has been appointed Associate Chief of the Bureau of Medical Services.

Joliet (Illinois) Herald-News: Chipping spalls from an obsidian nodule may seem like an odd pastime, but Doctor John H. Dyblie, Joliet dentist, has found it a unique and fascinating hobby for the last twenty-five years. He estimates that in that time he has chipped more than 1000 arrowheads. He has studied widely on the subject of Indian weapons and artifacts.

Doctor Dyblie became interested in the technique of chipping arrowheads after spending years looking for specimens in the territory around Joliet. On trips to the western part of the United States he found elaborate pieces of chipped flint, and decided to see how these were made by the Indians.

In different localities he collected all types of flint, chalcedony, and obsidian from which to chip the arrowheads. Then he assembled the proper tools for the chipping process. He acquired everything from stone hammers to bone and antlers, and found that deer and elk antlers provide the best implements. They have enough elasticity to prevent the shattering of the material being chipped. One blow with a metal tool shatters flint or obsidian completely.

Doctor Dyblie says that the art of chipping arrowheads depends on percussion and pressure. The percussion blow of the blunt elk club produces the spall of material from which the arrowhead is then flaked by the pressure method; using the pointed end of a deer tine. The blow on the arrowhead must

be struck from a definite angle with a follow-through or continuation of the pressure applied.

He considers the mastering of this technique as one of his most difficult undertakings. Hundreds of arrowheads were shattered in repeated attempts.

Providence (Rhode Island) Bulletin: Doctor William Black, a dentist of Coatbridge, Scotland, acknowledged that under the British National Health Service he had taken in £25,000 (\$100,000) during the first eleven months of the Service. But he reports that when he finished paying taxes and expenses, he was in the red.

Before the Health Service went into effect, Doctor Black had two "helpers" and netted about \$9,600 a year. When he built a surgery and engaged four the government scheme was established, additional "helpers" "We worked seven days a week, and late at night," he reports. "My receipts were tremendous—but so was the expenditure. After I had paid income tax I had no surplus to meet the costs of the surgery building."

Norristown (Pennsylvania) Times-Herald: Doctor A. L. Ventura, 737 Sandy Street, went to Italy and the Mediterranean area recently on a goodwill mission sponsored by the Order of the Sons of Italy. He made the trip on the ship M. M. Italia in company with many officials and members of the organization. Doctor Ventura is a member of the national committee of the Order. After making brief stops in Lisbon, Portugal; Gibraltar, Spain; Palermo and Algiers, North Africa, the party arrived in Genoa for a tour of Italian cities.

Highpoint of the trip was the visit to the famed battlefield of Monte Cassino, half way between Rome and Naples. Here the officials participated in the laying of the cornerstone for a memorial orphanage dedicated to American servicemen who lost their lives in the battle of Cassino. When completed the in-

stitution will accommodate a thousand children.

Dubuque (Iowa) Telegraph-Herald: Doctor Rush Sugg, 73-year-old Sabula, Iowa, dentist, an amateur cook of many years standing, believes that good cooks are born. "They just don't cook accidentally," he reports.

This dentist's greatest culinary achievement is cake baking. While it is strictly a hobby with him, he has spent



many hours at it. One of his cakes was placed on exhibition by a large milling company. This cake displayed his specialty of painting a scene on the top of it. Doctor Sugg mixes food coloring with frosting and paints outdoor scenes on the top of divinity-colored cakes. The painting requires hours of painstaking work. "You can't erase or paint over a mistake on a cake painting," Doctor Sugg explained. "Once the colors are applied, they stay."

After eighteen years of endless mixing, testing, and tasting, Doctor Sugg perfected a sauce that to him is the perfect sauce. While eating in a train dinner, he had tasted a sauce so delicate and delicious that he decided to spend some of his spare time trying to make a comparable one. Eighteen years later he succeeded.

Another hobby of this dentist is meteorology. He has a weather record compiled for the last twenty-eight years; accurately and in detail.

New York (New York) News: Author dentist, ex-millionaire farmer, folklore

authority, and linguist—these are some of the accomplishments of Doctor Mauritzi Jagendorf, 55. A native of Austria, he now practices dentistry at 150 East 39th Street, New York. His main interest, however, is writing and he has published 23 volumes; the majority of them on American folklore. He also has a plan to publish a volume on the legends of all the states of the Union. His book on the Middle Atlantic States was published in September and he is now preparing the one on the Great Lakes States.

A visit to his office shows his interest in art. The walls are covered with paintings, drawings, prints, crayons, sculptures, and other works of art that he has amassed during his travels about the country gathering folklore.

Doctor Jagendorf received his D.D.S. degree from Columbia University and he has studied at Yale and the Sorbonne. He speaks French, German, Spanish, and Italian as well as English. He has taught at the New York College of Dentistry and was on the staff of Bellevue and Vanderbilt Clinic.

Vancouver (British Columbia) Sun: Doctor J. W. N. Shepherd, Kelowna dentist, is a skilled cabinet maker and wood carver. He has spent his spare time as a craftsman for many years, and his home is furnished with beautiful samples of his craft. He has used a different design for the furniture of each room, but they blend so that one feels the harmony of the whole when going from room to room.

Doctor Shepherd builds a piece of furniture in such a way that it can be taken apart easily so that he can carve one piece of wood at a time. He has found that the best medium for his work is Douglas fir. An exquisite mantel carved in a variegated design sets off the fireplace in this dentist's living room. It took about one thousand hours to carve it, and though it has been in constant use for over thirty years, there is not a mark on the footrail. The wood is Douglas fir.

Doctor Shepherd has found health and happiness from his hobby, and believes that he has recaptured the joy of creation of the old world craftsmen.

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CAN YOU USE A DOLLAR?

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BY A. A. MOSS, D.D.S.



THE FRIGHTENED child is a problem to the dentist. He causes anxiety, tension, and exasperation, which results in the dentist himself having a phobia toward such patients. And, yet, there is a way of handling the problem so as to make it possible for any dentist to render the necessary treatment with such ease and consistency that almost every case can become a success and a pleasure, and at no time a strain on the dentist's nerves. Furthermore, the average dentist, who has no special love or devotion for "nervous little brats," has in store for himself a pleasure and delight in treating these children that he, himself, never realized or imagined.

The technique is simple, rational, and requires no special training or study in psychology. However, it is not applicable when the patient is in pain and requires immediate treatment for relief of pain.

The frightened youngster approaches the dental appointment with intense fear and apprehension. In many cases he must be carried by force into the operating room from the reception room, and forcibly seated in the chair. He refuses to open his mouth, even just to have it looked into, because of his fears and suspicions of being hurt. His is a phobia which has deep roots in the subconscious and, like all phobias (adult phobias included), it is irrational and

This technique for treating the nervous child-patient may be helpful in your dental practice.

is not susceptible to logic or argument. He just will not listen.

Pain

In this state of mind, excavating a tooth is cruel, to say the least, and usually impossible. Touching the outer layer of enamel with an excavator would elicit howls because of excruciating pain. To the child in such a state it is real pain even though the dentist sees it as imaginary. With the highly keyed-up child who has a phobia toward the dentist and is in a suspicious state of anticipation of torture, merely touching a tooth or blowing air into the mouth with a chip blower will cause a violent reflex reaction and will have the same immediate effect as though it were a real excruciating stimulus. With a child in this state, it is impossible to excavate a tooth when some pain is necessary. To attempt this is cruel to the child and exasperating and nerve-wracking to the dentist, as every dentist knows.

What then is to be done? The child needs treatment and there you are, completely baffled and frustrated.

The answer is simply to undermine the fear and suspicion and build up confidence, where at present there is none. This, if it is done, makes that child as good as the average adult patient. When you have tried the technique suggested here you will be astonished to find

that the same nervous child can take a moderate degree of pain in his stride. The phobia will have been permanently eliminated, and you and the child will have a normal relationship. The child will like you immeasurably and you, in turn, will get the pleasure and satisfaction of having performed a miracle in the eyes of the parents.

In your approach to the child, you should never do any more than the child will permit at any given time! You are never to use force in administering treatment. You build up confidence from zero at the first visit by slow, progressive steps at each succeeding visit. You must always be patient, kind, and understanding. You must never lie to the child about pain because one lie of this nature will almost always mean eventual failure. Frankness wherever possible is necessary.

Parent Cooperation

The parents of such a child usually are nervous or neurotic themselves and need special handling. During the first appointment you must explain the entire technique to the parent while the child is out of hearing range. You must assure the parent of results and get full cooperation and confidence in advance. You must caution the parent never to discuss the dental problem or behavior inside or outside the office. The

parent must hide her own anxiety from the child and must not encourage, scold, threaten, or bribe the child. Her task is simply to bring the child in for his appointment. She may be in the operating room during treatment, but must never interfere with the dentist either in speech, gesture, or manner. She must become a completely neutralized factor. The dentist should not proceed without this understanding from the parent.

The reason for this is that in every child there are *unconscious* antagonistic factors in the parent-child relationship and, according to most child psychologists, this is one of the chief reasons for disciplinary problems of the so-called spoiled or unmanageable child. The child's defiance is an *unconscious* revenge routine directed at the parents. Therefore, the elimination of this factor in relation to dental treatments is a necessary concomitant.

The number of visits and the amount and type of treatment undertaken varies with the degree of the previously existing phobia and in every case the dentist should use good judgment in not attempting the impossible. He should be flexible and it is sometimes necessary to take "one step backward" in order to take "two steps forward."

In describing the technique, we shall take the extreme case of a child who refuses to leave the reception room and sit in the dental chair. He must be literally dragged.

First Visit

1. The child must be seated in the chair even if he must be placed there by force. It is best that this be done by the parent or assistant.

2. The dentist must look into his mouth and squirt water in his mouth even if it is done forcibly.

3. Dismiss the patient, telling him truthfully that that is all you expected to do that day and you are satisfied it was done. Apologize for the use of force; say nothing about next time.

4. Explain your technique to the parent (out of the patient's hearing).

5. Do not keep the child in the chair for more than five minutes. The less time the better.

Second Visit

1. The child must again be seated, but this time you must give him "chop suey." This is water from the water syringe; air from the air syringe; spray bottle (plain water is better than mouth-wash); more water; more air.

2. With a pledget of cotton on a pliers, rub plain water on any tooth.

3. Dismiss the child.

4. This visit should take not more than five minutes.

5. Compliment the patient for his cooperation.

Third Visit

1. Repeat the procedure of the second visit.

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quaint the patient with its mechanics by holding it first between your fingers, then between his; let him hear it near his ear on a piece of wood or metal; and finally barely touch the surface of an anterior tooth. Give him more "chop suey" and repeat the drill again lightly on a tooth. This must be done even if force is necessary. Do not attempt any excavation; do not hurt the child.

3. Examine the child's mouth at this time.

4. Place a cotton roll under his tongue.

5. Rub dilute alcohol on any carious tooth.

6. Compliment the patient and parent as well.

7. Spend no more than ten minutes on the patient during this visit.

Fourth Visit

1. Proceed gently with the drill as in the previous sitting, but do not attempt thorough excavation. Use discretion. Explain to the child that it may hurt slightly but that he will be able to stand it. Try not to hurt him. Repeat this several times.

2. Place a cotton roll under the child's tongue.

3. Cover any cavity with a temporary restoration.

4. Dismiss the patient and apologize for hurting him. Compliment him for his bravery.

5. This visit should not take more than ten minutes.

Fifth Visit

1. Proceed to restore one tooth. Do not attempt thorough excavation, since this may have to be redone when all other treatment is completed. Use a wet mix of amalgam as this will be easier to remove. Try not to hurt the patient although at this time he could tolerate a slight degree of pain.

2. This visit should not take more than ten minutes.

Sixth Visit

Proceed as with a normal patient. Throughout the entire procedure, the dentist must be kind but firm. He must accomplish as a minimum what has been outlined previously. He must never scold the child. He must be flexible and use good judgment. Sometimes it will be possible to cut down the procedure to four or even three visits. Other patients may require six or seven visits. The total time consumed for the first five visits will be about thirty minutes, but usually this can be made up by restoring two or more teeth once you get started.

Five appointments should be made within a period of about two weeks. The entire procedure should be explained to the parent at the first visit, and a fee should be made to include this additional service.

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EDITORIAL COMMENT

"Give me the liberty to know, to utter, and to argue freely according to my conscience above all liberties." John Milton

WE TALK TOO MUCH ABOUT THE WRONG THINGS

Some time when you have a few minutes of free time visit some dentist and listen to his chair-side conversation. Don't let him know that you are listening. That would make him self-conscious. Or better yet, for the sake of self-analysis, have a wire or tape recording made of your own banalities in the dental office.

In this day when we hear so much about communication methods and semantics it is time that we scrutinize our talk. We talk about the weather, family and personal affairs, sports and recreation. We spend little or no time explaining dental conditions and procedures to patients. No one enjoys a better opportunity for teaching than we do. People have selected us by their free choice. They have come to our offices to receive a specific service. They are sitting in our dental chair of their own volition and without distractions. This is an ideal situation and a perfect setting for education. How do we meet it? By talking about everything except dentistry.

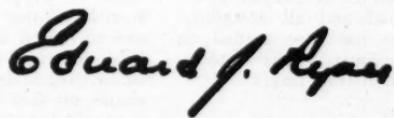
It would be in poor taste to lecture the patient every moment that he is in the dental chair. There must be some of the light conversational diversion. The social graces demand that we inquire into the health of the patient and his family and that we make some unoriginal comment on meteorologic conditions. No one takes exception to these subjects. Often, however, we strike out into the arena of tabooed subjects: politics, religion, economic and social doctrines. If we have someone in the dental chair who holds to the same kind of beliefs and prejudices the two of us may make a fine team in agreement. We do not have the power of divination that tells us with unfailing accuracy everything that every-

person believes. We may be fellow enthusiasts or the victims of similar prejudices on one or two subjects. There may be, however, dozens of other subjects about which we are in complete disagreement. People who express themselves violently on any subject are sure of offending a good share of the people who hear them.

The subject matter for conversation is important. In the dental office it should be concerned with dentistry. How many of us, with any kind of consistency, explain the sodium fluoride therapy, the promise held in the ammoniated dentifrices, the exact method of tooth-brushing and soft-tissue stimulation, the role of nutrition in dental disease, the danger potentials in dental infection, the place of dental care in the preservation and restoration of facial structures? These are some of the subjects that people are interested in while they are in the dental office. We are missing an opportunity if we do not satisfy their interest when we have the chance.

Although the subject matter is important, the manner of presentation is equally important. We should sound neither like haranguers nor salesmen. We are teachers with the correct setting for the instruction of each person at his level of comprehension. Unlike most teachers who must make a group appeal we have the opportunity to personalize our story to fit the interests and needs of one person. The manner of presentation should not be pontifical or weighted with technical words and jargon. Every dental subject may be expressed by a neat analogy within the framework of the patient's experience and understanding.

Whatever we do to make people feel that we are interested in their particular dental problem is a sure method of winning confidence and good will. During the present "economic transition" many dentists are going to find themselves looking for patients. Businessmen have found it necessary to do a more enterprising and vigorous job of selling. We will find it necessary to do a better job of patient education.





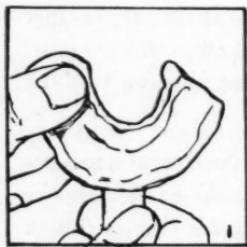
TECHNIQUE of the Month

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Drawings by Dorothy Sterling

The Lewis Full Lower Denture Technique

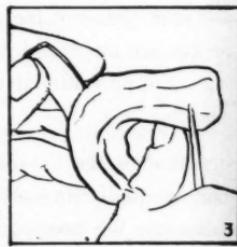
By E. T. LEWIS, D.D.S.



Apply vaseline to over-sized tray. Use high-heat compound. With your thumb, make sure compound is not too soft. Take impression applying very little pressure.



Dry flame heat the compound. Temper and reinsert into mouth. Apply pressure; repeat until all movable tissue has been displaced.



Trim the impression, removing undercuts in the mylohyoid region. Locate external oblique ridge. Cut away excess compound beyond the ridge.



Cut excess compound beyond the flexion line on the labial and all compound that has been turned on the lingual. Separate compound from tray.



Compound impression must be supported by a tray. Lewis tray consists of two pieces of light metal held together by a setscrew. Adjust metal to the shape of the impression. Sear tray to compound and tighten the setscrew.



Place a Fournet angulator (right and left) over the crest of the ridge. Draw a white line to aid in establishing a general outline of the boundary. When trimming compound, follow this line as a guide only.



Apply a periphery indicator from heel to cupid region (B.V. periphery indicator is preferred because it was developed for this technique and is more easily removed.)



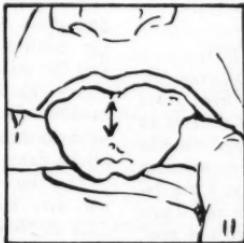
Carefully insert tray in mouth. Hold tray with one hand. With the other hand, force the cheek inward, upward, and forward several times.



Carefully remove tray from mouth. Indicator will show area that is too long. Trim with knife or cratex rubber wheel on the lathe. Repeat until all impingement is relieved. Trim the other side.



Apply indicator from cupid to cupid on labial. Insert in mouth. Holding impression in place, lift lip several times. Trim as above. Repeat until free.



Apply indicator on lingual from heel to heel. Carefully insert in the mouth. Have patient place two forefingers on tray and exercise tongue forward and

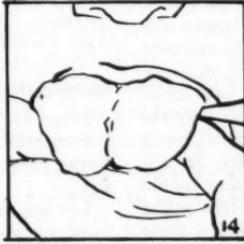


backward for a minute. Trim and reinsert until relieved.

Drill several holes in the crest of the ridge.



Heat B.V. corrective to a batter mix. Paint entire surface of compound impression with the mix. Dip impression into water of 130° for ½ second. (Any wash of this type can be



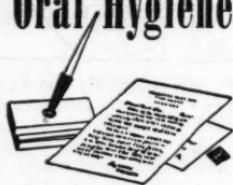
used satisfactorily.)

Insert in mouth. Hold in place with little pressure and have patient open mouth wide and protrude tongue. Chill impression.



Remove impression and examine thoroughly. Apply additional corrective if further correction is necessary. Test for stability and suction.

DEAR Oral Hygiene



Dental Schools of the Past

Don't be so quick to criticize the dental education of thirty-five years ago.¹ It was not so bad. Our courses in anatomy, histology, pathology, materia medica, physiology, and other sciences were so thorough that, today, I am familiar with all these subjects and know what I am reading when I wish to read articles in medical magazines pertaining to these sciences.

There is another, a more important, point on which we disagree. It is true that we did not have beautiful buildings or campuses, but we were welcome to study dentistry; yes, as many as wished to apply, and it made no difference who we were so long as we had the entrance requirements, a high school diploma, and the necessary fees. No one asked you whether your father gave you the money or whether you worked for it yourself. *That* was education in the American way. And the country should be thankful today that that free policy existed then, because if it had not there would be less than half our number of practicing dentists in a country that needs more than twice the 78,000 den-

tists in the U.S. today. I fear to think of the day when federal funds will have to be depended upon to educate our future dentists. But we have our present system to blame for that—our universities with all the hindrances they put on the prospective student; that is, financial responsibility, quotas, limited classes.

There were 220 men and women in my graduating class. How many are there today? A class of fifty is a large class. Yet there are thousands of men and women who are clamoring to get into dental schools and willing to pay for their educations. There are many wealthy men who withhold endowment funds because of the present system of selection of students. If our universities and those who direct their policies, if the medical and dental organizations and the state boards, if all these supervisory agencies will wake up and broaden their narrow policies, we will have no threat of federal education with all its dangers.

Yes, the old dental "factories" turned out over six thousand dentists up to 1919 in New York State alone. Perhaps they made money at it, but is that not the good American way, and are we not good dentists, and have we not maintained the dental health of the Nation to date? There is much that can be said to help the situation, but those in power will do nothing about it.—**ARCHIE SHAPERA, D.D.S., 464 Lenox Avenue, New York 30, New York.**

Dermatitis

I have read several articles in the past few months pertaining to dentists suffering from different forms of dermatitis.

Let me tell of my experience. I suffered for about two years. First a dryness of the skin would appear on the tips of the first two fingers of my left hand. Then in a short time peeling would occur, and after that deep fissures which were extremely painful. I would have to keep lanolin on my fingers and

¹Editorial: Change In Dental Building Fashions, ORAL HYGIENE 39:894 (June) 1949.

also wear rubber finger tips for a couple of months before the skin would heal. Then in a short time the lesions would start all over again. I went to several specialists, but found no relief.

One day about two years ago I had installed a *soft water system*, and also bought a jar of Kinsted, a cleansing skin emollient. I have washed my hands with

nothing else since, and I have been free from all signs of the dermatitis. I have not even had chapped hands. I am still using the same drugs and materials that I used in the past.

This may help some of you who have been so afflicted.—EDWIN J. STOWELL, D.D.S., 56 Union Street, Hamburg, New York.

LET'S BE FAIR*

THE PURPOSE of this article is to plead for fair dealing for as fine a company of devoted men as exists in America—the medical men.

No two groups of men know each other better than do physicians and ministers. We constantly refer needy people to the physician. We see medical men in action daily and we cooperate as ministers with them. Furthermore, we can look back across our lives and see again how greatly we are indebted to physicians and surgeons and dentists. What a debt I owe to a frontier physician for all he was and did for my mother!

Who can begin to thank them? We parsons can, and we can begin right now and call a halt to this attack on the medical men of America by the friends of so-called government medicine. The purpose of this article is not to discuss government medicine, for this is not the place for such a discussion. The purpose of this article, we repeat, is to ask for fair dealing for physicians. Owing to the fact that the vast majority of physicians sincerely believe that government medicine would be a backward step, they are accused of being selfish and more concerned with their own welfare than with the needs of sick men and women, but the truth is that under government medicine the income of the average physician would be increased greatly and his hours shortened.

These men ought not to have to defend themselves nor their profession. They are not many in numbers; they are just as fallible as parsons. They are greatly overworked; they are amateurs at publicity, for which we shall thank God. Are they to be left then to the mercy of men who will do anything to put their schemes across? Is there no one who will speak up for them?

Let us, as ministers, go and have a visit with one or two of them. Then let us, in our own way, call for fair dealing in this whole matter. Let government medicine be considered on its own merits, but let the abuse of sincere, devoted physicians stop.

*After the Reverend H. R. Anderson, Pastor of Fourth Presbyterian Church, Chicago.

ASK Oral Hygiene



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Mercury Poisoning

Q.—I wish to ask you if there is such a thing as mercurial poisoning resulting from mixing amalgam in the hand. If there is, I shall appreciate it if you will inform me about the effects and symptoms. I have been having a stomach disorder, and eighteen months ago roentgenographic examination showed nothing. I was instructed by a physician to take hydrochloric acid and now another physician says I do not need it.

I have heard of mine inspectors using gloves. I have always mixed amalgam in my hand.—L. C. P., Wyoming.

A.—Yes, mulling amalgam in the hand can result in local mercury poisoning. I have seen one case in which the hand is so seriously affected that the final outcome is questionable.

Whether mulling amalgam in the hand will result in general systemic poisoning, I cannot say.

We all mull our amalgam in rub-

ber dams. This not only protects the hands but protects the amalgam from picking up cuticle and sweat.—GEORGE R. WARNER.

Loss of Incisor

Q.—I have a patient, a little girl 8 years of age, with a history of trauma. The left lower incisor was broken about a year ago. She came to my office a few days ago with an acute inflammation of three or four days duration. I lanced and obtained relief. From the enclosed roentgenograms, both the centrals appear to be involved, do they not? I used ice to try to determine the state of vitality of the right central, but I was unsure of the reliability of the child's answers.—V. A. F., Nebraska.

A.—In the case of the loss of a single mandibular incisor in a child there is no need to worry. The space will fill in so nicely that the loss is not noticeable and the occlusion is not seriously damaged. But if two incisors are involved it is a different matter and I would advise root treatment and filling. One cannot say if the right central incisor is involved in your case without a vitality test. The appearance of the bone is not a sure and safe determining factor.—GEORGE R. WARNER.

Periodontoclasia

Q.—I have a patient who has a severe case of periodontoclasia which necessitates the removal of several teeth. I believe this condition is the result of a Vincent's infection. Another dentist states that Vincent's infection is not the cause of periodontoclasia.

Your opinion regarding the relationship or absence of relationship of these two conditions will be greatly appreciated.—E. H. W., Connecticut.

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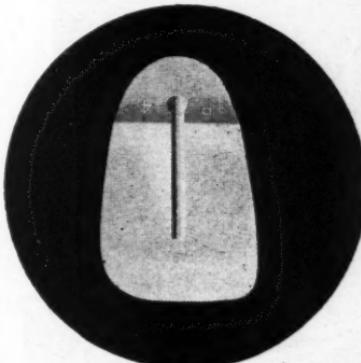
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A.—An acute Vincent's infection of the mouth, if not promptly and effectively treated, usually results in the destruction of septal gingival tissues, and, usually, concurrently or soon thereafter, there is atrophy of the septal alveolar bone. This creates something of a pocket between the teeth, which is characteristic of periodontoclasia.

In the last week I have had three patients with periodontoclasia. To the question, "Have you ever had trench mouth?", each has answered, "Yes."—GEORGE R. WARNER.

Pigmentation

Q.—Will you please inform me as to the cause, prevention, and cure of dark spots on the gingivae?

I have had two patients lately, both women 28 years old, and both anemic, with this condition. One has three children; the other four.

I shall appreciate any information you may give me.—R. C. M., Texas.

A.—If I understand what you mean by "dark spots on the gingivae," they are pigmentation occurring in the mouths of brunettes and usually in the anterior part of the lower jaw. They are not harmful and I have never attempted to remove them, although I believe they can be removed surgically.

—GEORGE R. WARNER.

Sense of Taste

Q.—I have a friend who lost all his teeth and has dentures. He can chew anything he wants, but says now he cannot taste anything. Everything tastes the same except strong sweets and acids. I have watched him eat and he does not

seem to enjoy anything. Did you ever hear of such a case? If so, what is wrong? I did not do the service, but I am interested in the case.—R. H. P., Louisiana.

A.—Over the years there have been recurring cases of people wearing full upper dentures feeling that they lost the sense of taste. On the other hand countless thousands have worn and still wear full upper dentures without any perceptible loss of taste or the enjoyment of their food. Inasmuch as most of the taste buds are on the surface of the tongue, it is a little difficult to understand why or how a denture can interfere with taste.

In the days of vulcanite dentures it was thought that as the nonconducting qualities of the material interfered with the transmission of heat and cold to the palate the denture wearer mistook the loss of these sensations for loss of taste. The substitution of a metal base for the vulcanite denture sometimes gave the patient more pleasure at the table. This change might help your patient. If, however, the patient makes a determined effort to enjoy his food, even though wearing a denture, I believe he will find his sense of taste returning.—GEORGE R. WARNER.

Loose Dentures

Q.—I have a patient who had her teeth extracted six months ago and for whom I have constructed two upper dentures. After the patient wears a denture for about two weeks, it becomes extremely loose.

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I have rebased the first one I made which fit securely and comfortably at first. Now it is as loose as the second one I constructed.

The patient has a slight torus palatinus, but I have compensated for this.

Please advise me as to what might be causing these dentures to loosen.
E. A. H., Ohio.

A.—Overextension anywhere around the periphery may produce a muscle tension that will result in dentures loosening after a time. Loosening also may result from dentures riding too heavily on hard, bony surfaces such as tori or malar prominences on the maxilla. Of course, it could be caused by resorption, but we certainly do not expect resorptive processes to cause such a rapid change.—
V. CLYDE SMEDLEY.

Granuloma

Q.—A year ago a patient, a man about fifty years of age, appeared with what seemed to be an ordinary parulis above the right central incisor. On closer inspection we found the nerves vital in the anterior teeth. The parulis would discharge a watery fluid for a few weeks and then would disappear for a month or two. There was no pain at any time and no throbbing.

The roentgenogram, as you will notice, shows a granuloma close to the apex of the right central incisor. The restoration in the lingual is zinc oxide. The cavity was drilled into the lingual to test the nerve, which shows every sign of vitality.

The patient does not remember receiving any injury to the tooth, although he has a rather bad bite. You will notice the incisal tips are worn.

What treatment do you suggest for this condition?—W. F. M., Wisconsin.

A.—We had a case similar to

yours about three years ago. We opened through the labial aspect, curetted the granulomatous tissue out as thoroughly as possible, ligated the wound, and the result was satisfactory. The bone filled in and the tooth remained vital.—GEORGE R. WARNER.

Periodontosis

Q.—I have a patient, a man 38, who has had exceptionally fine teeth and who possibly has neglected them some because of that fact. There is no caries now, but there is a marked recession of gingivae throughout his mouth. There are three places in particular where pockets have formed in the proximal spaces, and it was because of this condition that he came to me.

A report from the clinical laboratory of medicine says there are a moderate number of fusiform bacilli and a few spirochetes.

Please advise me regarding the method of treatment for this condition.—H. E. W., Washington.

A.—Your patient probably is developing a case of periodontosis, which not infrequently happens in a mouth with an apparently fine set of teeth. Calcareous deposits may have crept deeply under the gingival margins with resulting gingivitis and alveolar atrophy. Occlusal stresses may have developed that have resulted in more alveolar atrophy.

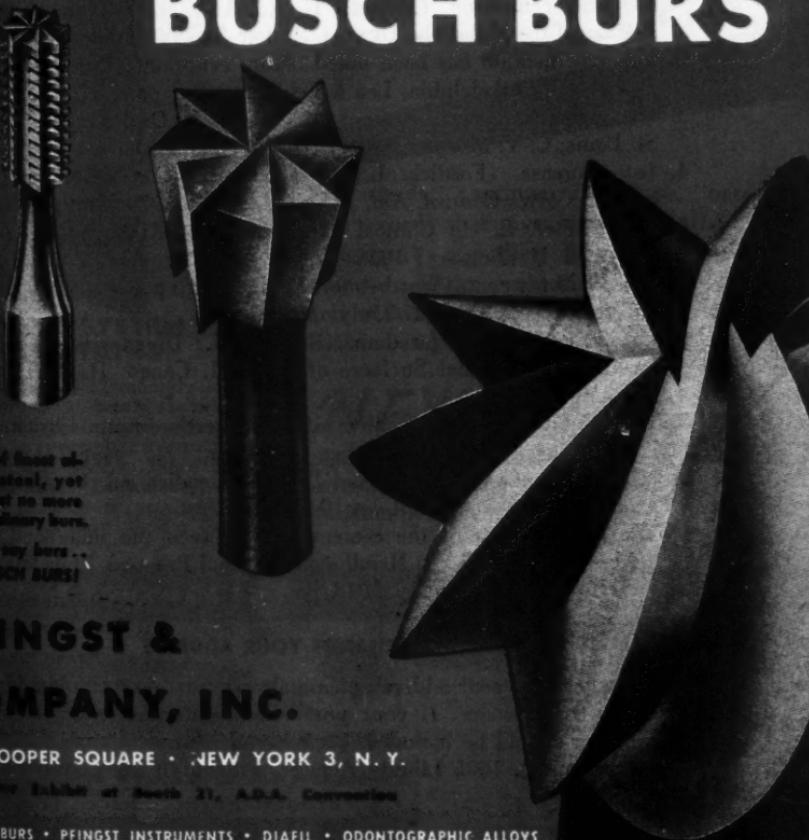
For a satisfactory diagnosis one must first have a full set of periapical roentgenograms. Depending on the findings in interpreting these roentgenograms, the type of treatment will be suggested. Usually subgingival curettage, adjustment

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of occlusion, and good home care will markedly improve the conditions which you describe.—GEORGE R. WARNER.

Missing Molar

Q.—What is the best way to supply a missing upper first molar? The patient has a strong bite. The second bicuspid and the second molar are in good con-

dition with no restorations. The patient is 32 years old.—R. M. A., Iowa.

A.—To avoid cutting deeply into caries-free teeth for a fixed bridge, we prefer to supply a missing molar with a removable bridge. If such a bridge is well designed and constructed, it will give excellent service.—GEORGE R. WARNER.

SO YOU KNOW SOMETHING ABOUT DENTISTRY!

ANSWERS TO QUIZ LXI (See page 1499 for questions)

1. (a) only cementum. (Morgan, G. A.: Anomalies of the Anterior Region of the Mandible, *DENTAL DIGEST* **54**:260 [June] 1948)
2. Yes, calcification has been noted before eruption. (Ehrlich, W. E.: *Pathology*, Philadelphia, Lea & Febiger, 1941, page 378)
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7. (b) 20 per cent longer than. (Barr, J. H.: Diagnosis of Carious Lesions on Proximal Surfaces of Teeth, *J. Canad. D. A.* **13**:585 [December] 1947)
8. The odontoblasts remain alive after the teeth erupt. (Ehrlich, W. E.: *Pathology*, Philadelphia, Lea & Febiger, 1941, page 284)
9. (b) thirty minutes. (Accepted Dental Remedies, ed. 14, Chicago, American Dental Association, 1948, page 23)
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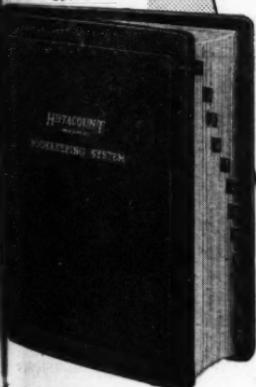


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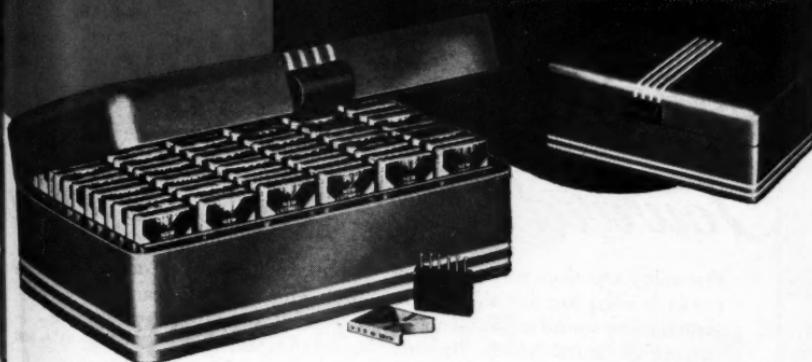
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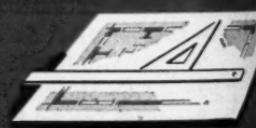
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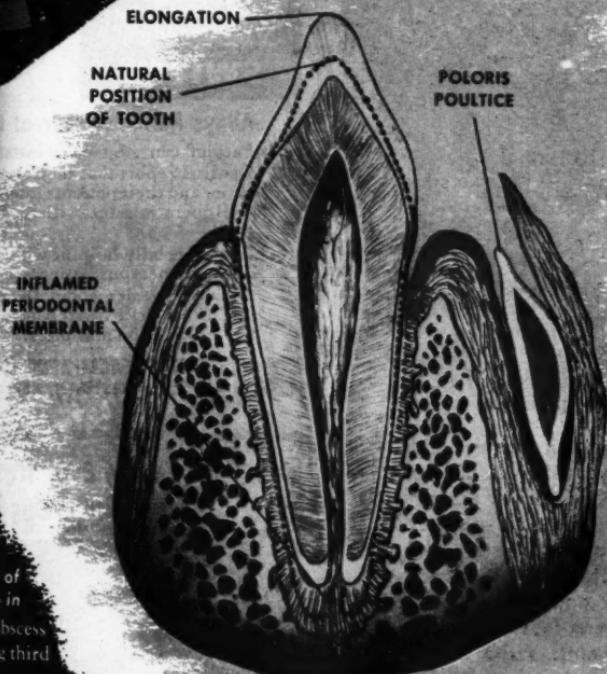
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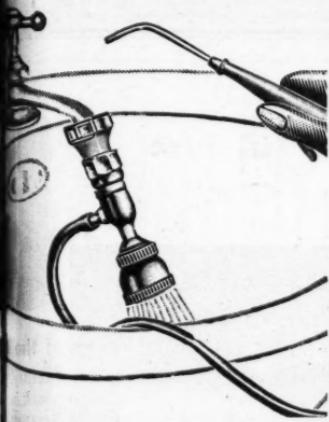
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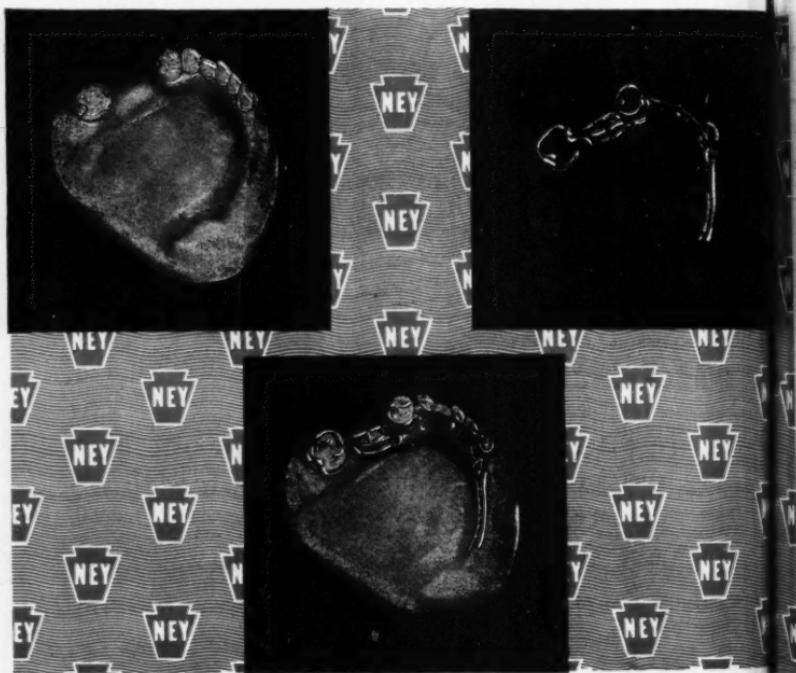


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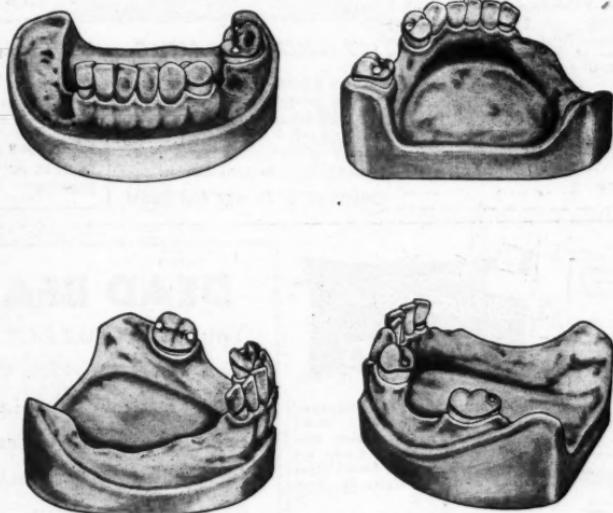
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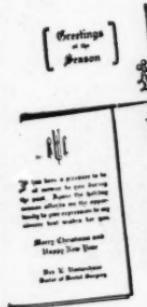
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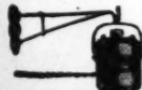


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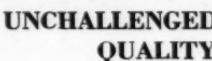
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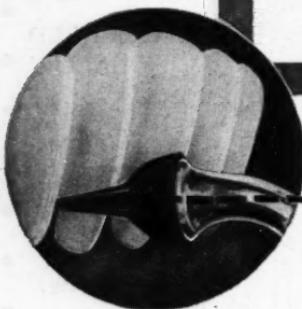
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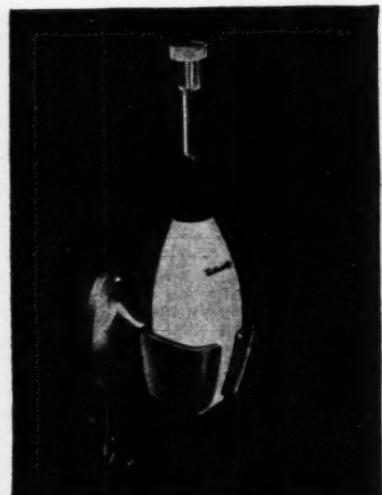
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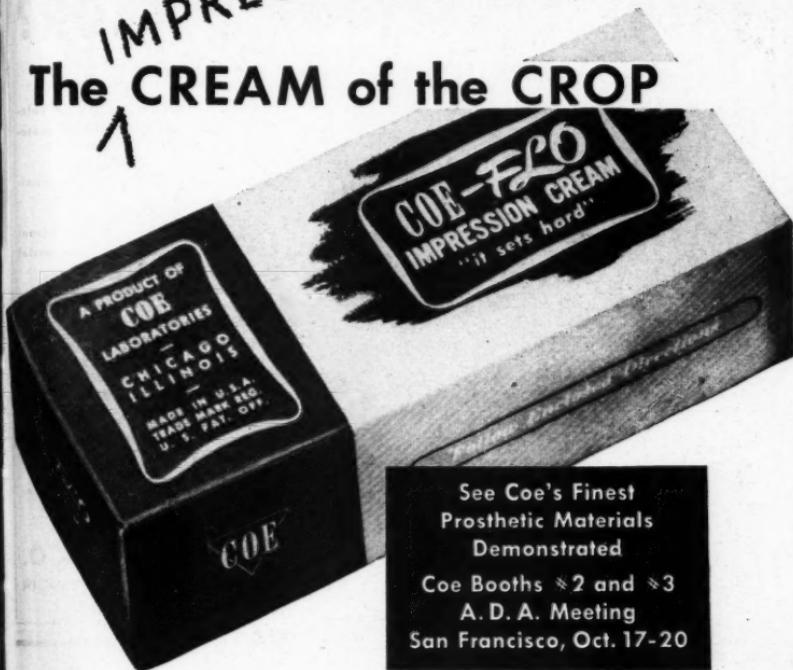
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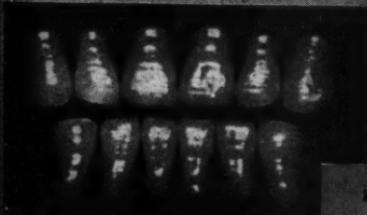
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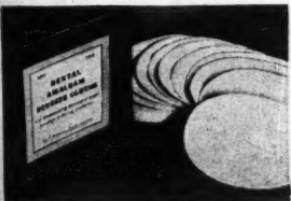
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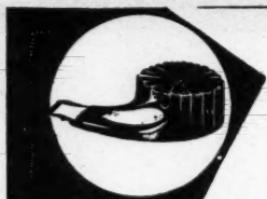
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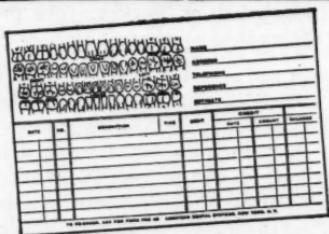
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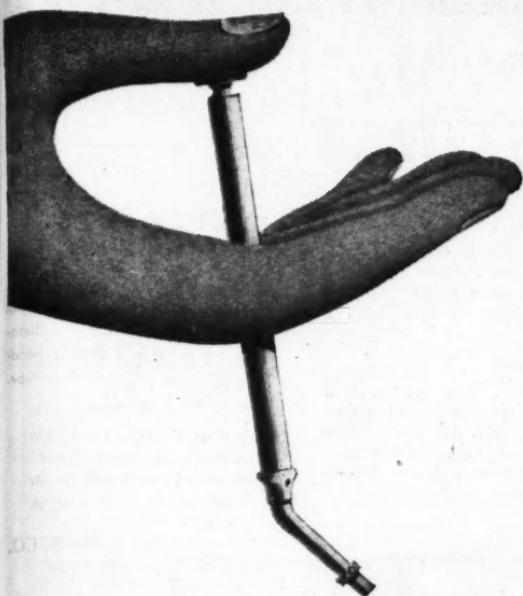


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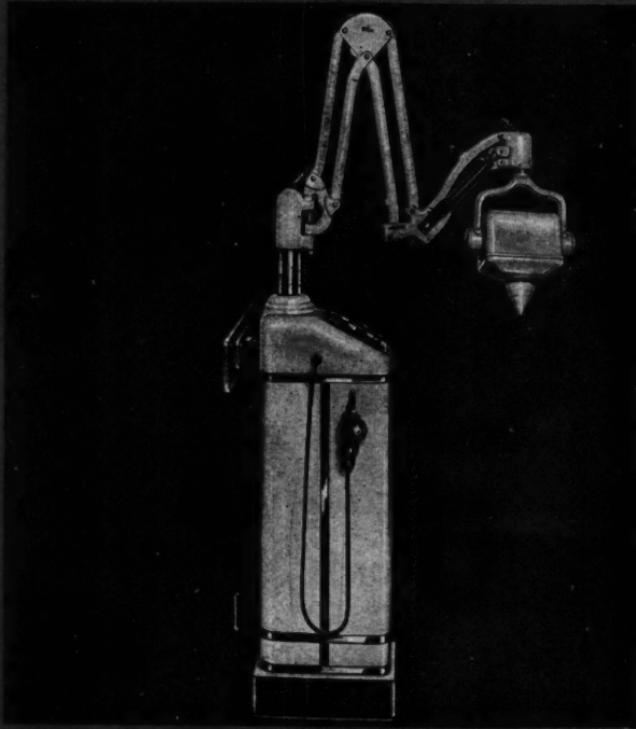
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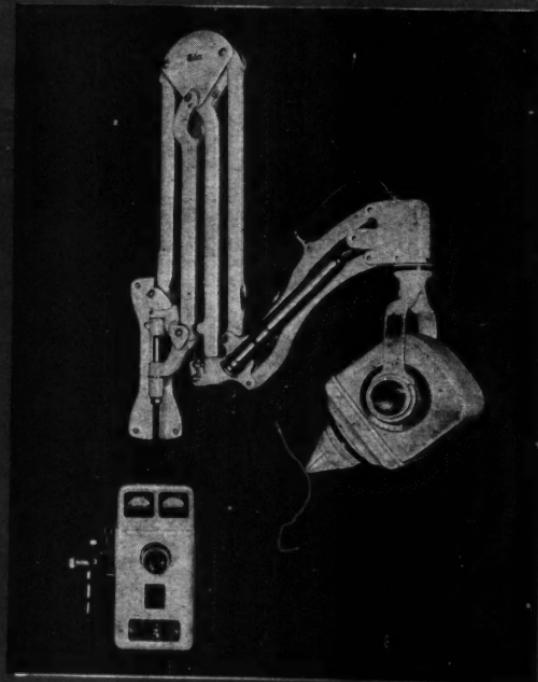
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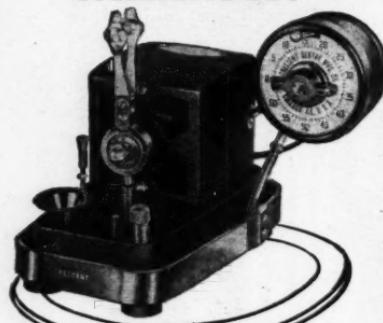
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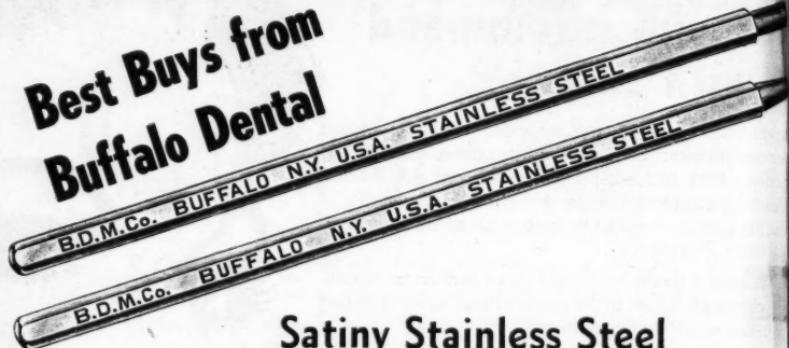
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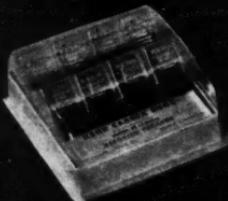


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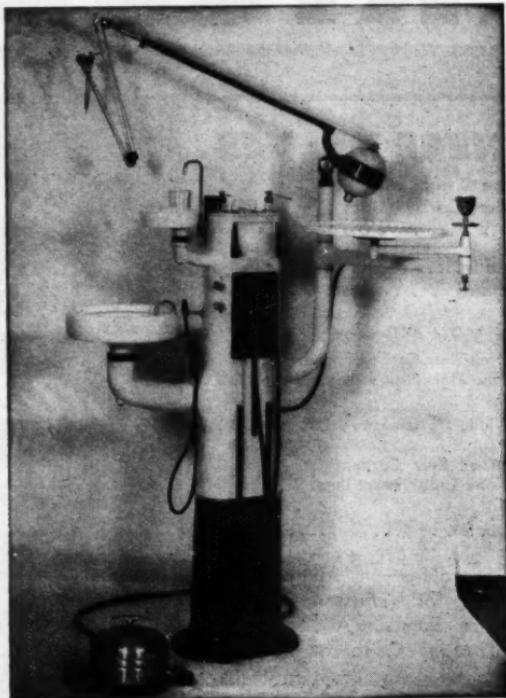
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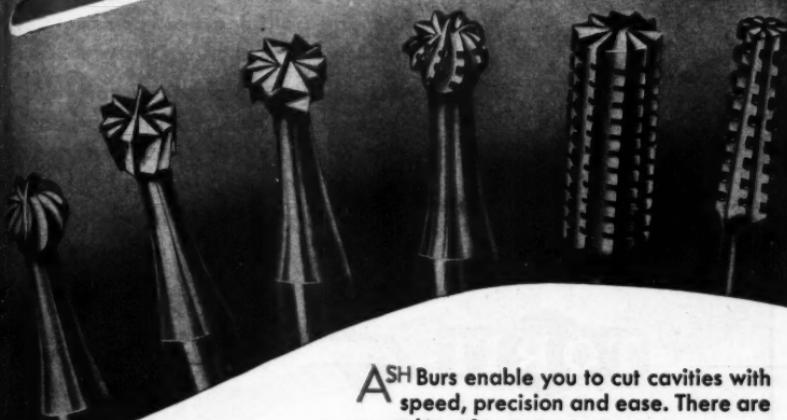
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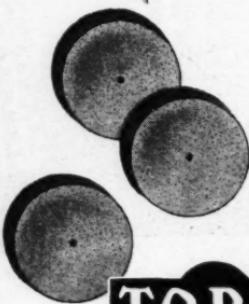
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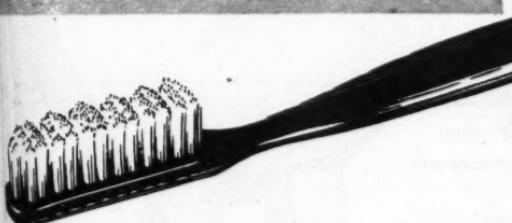
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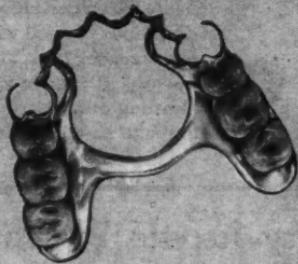
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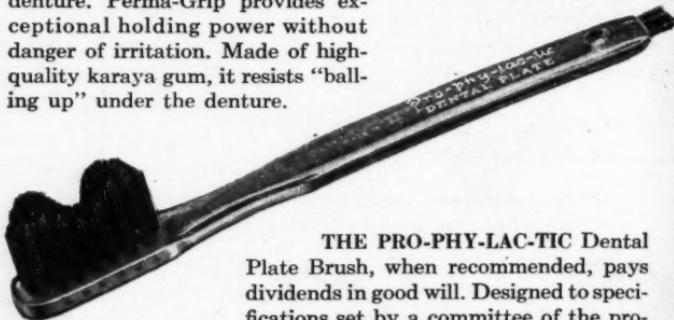
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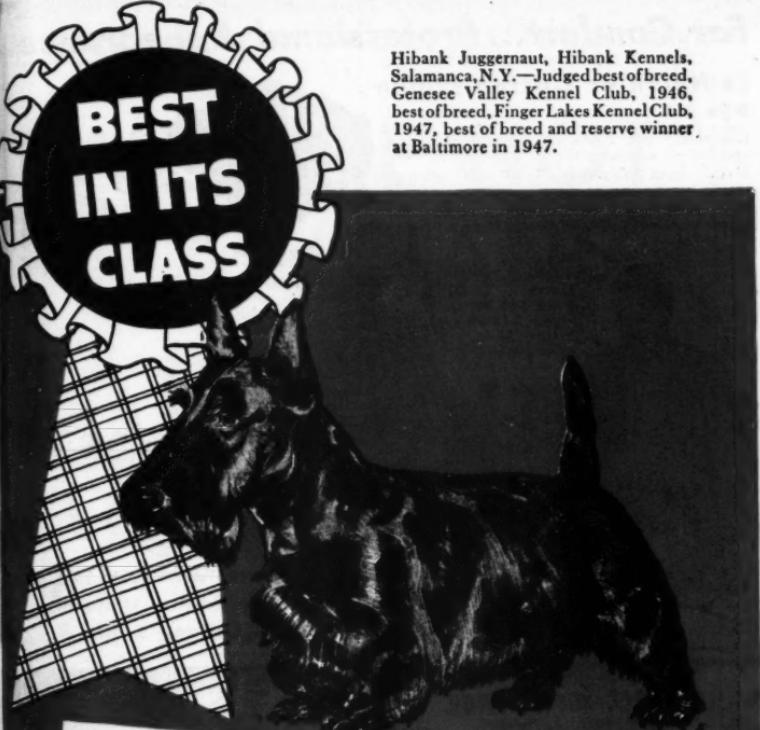


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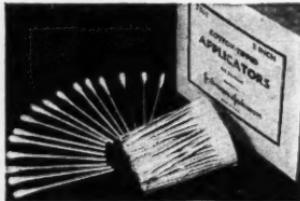
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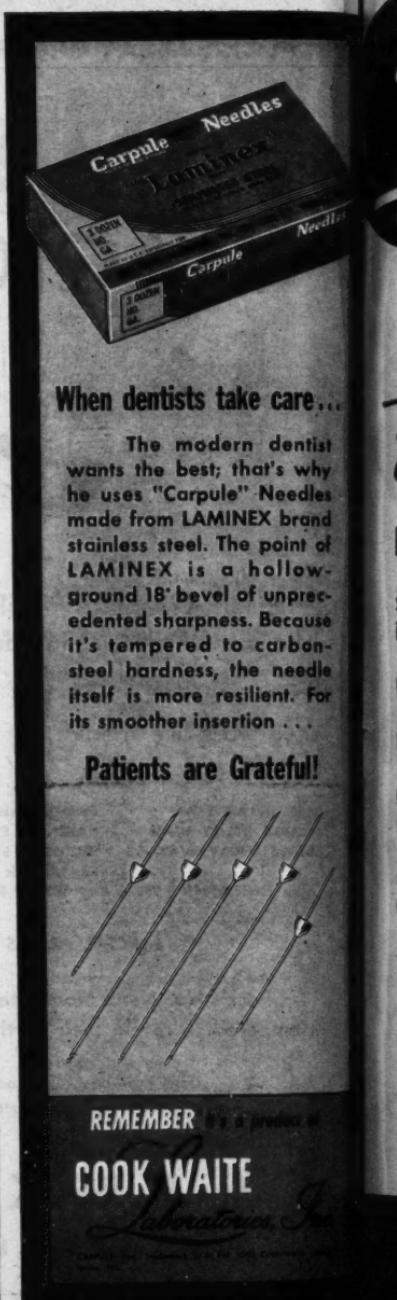
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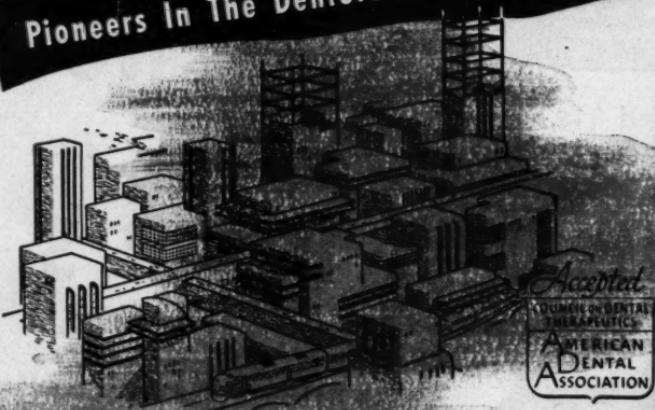
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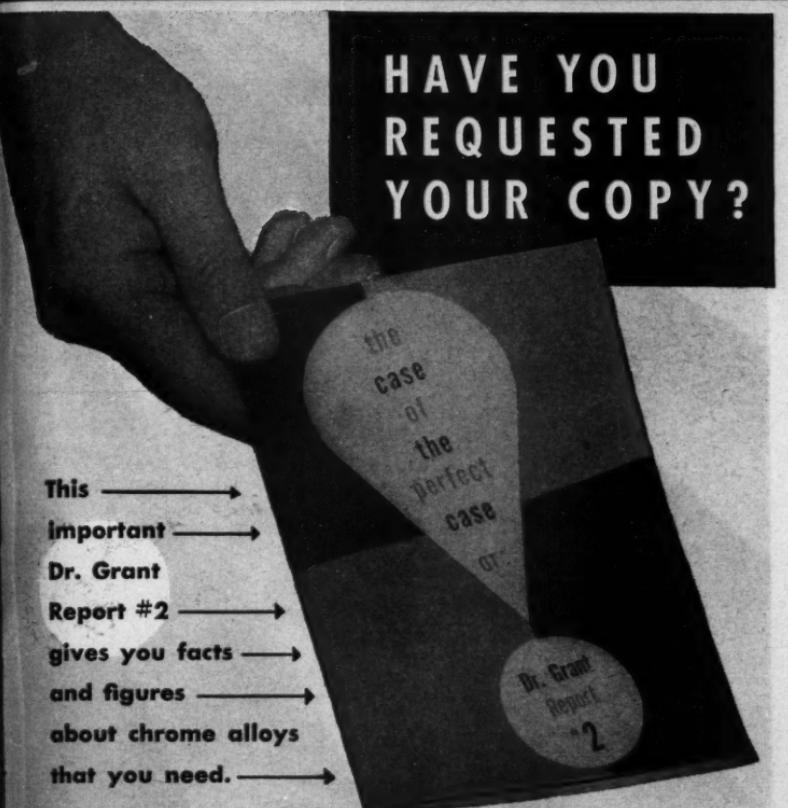
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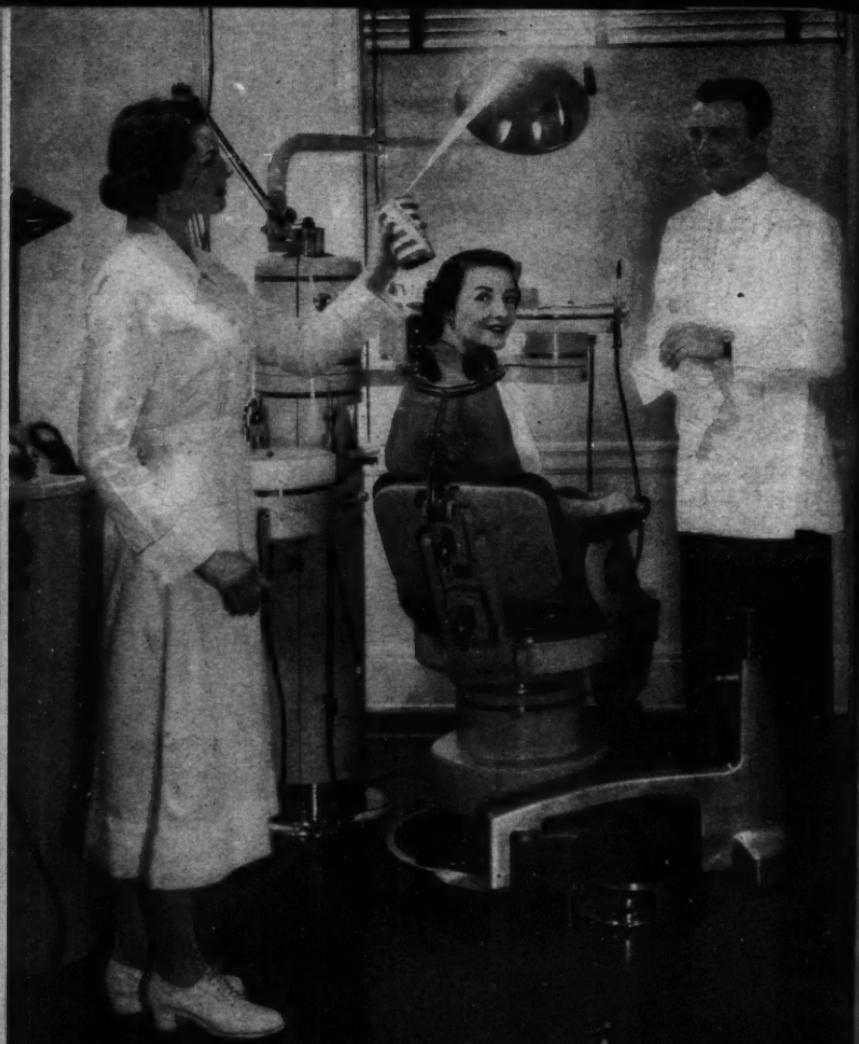
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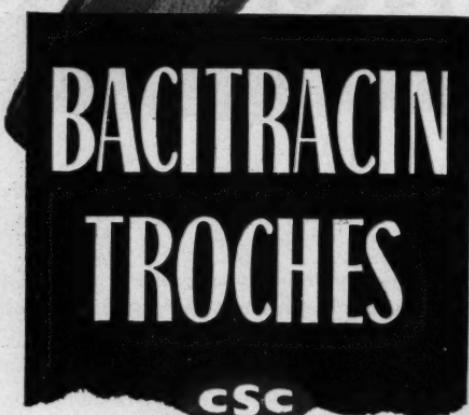
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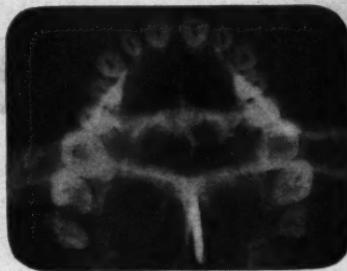
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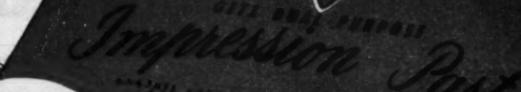
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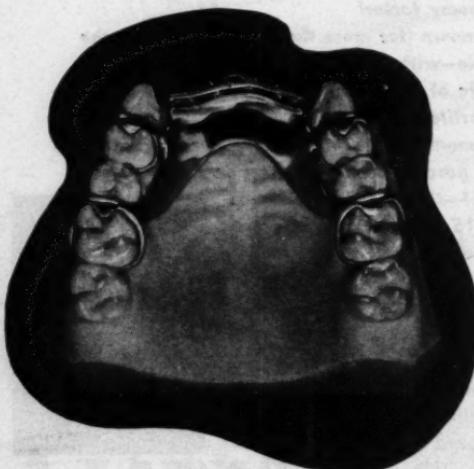
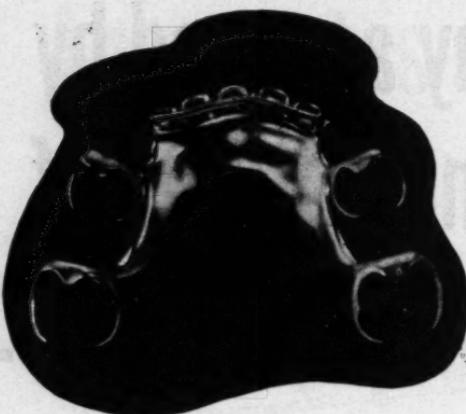
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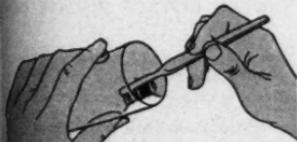
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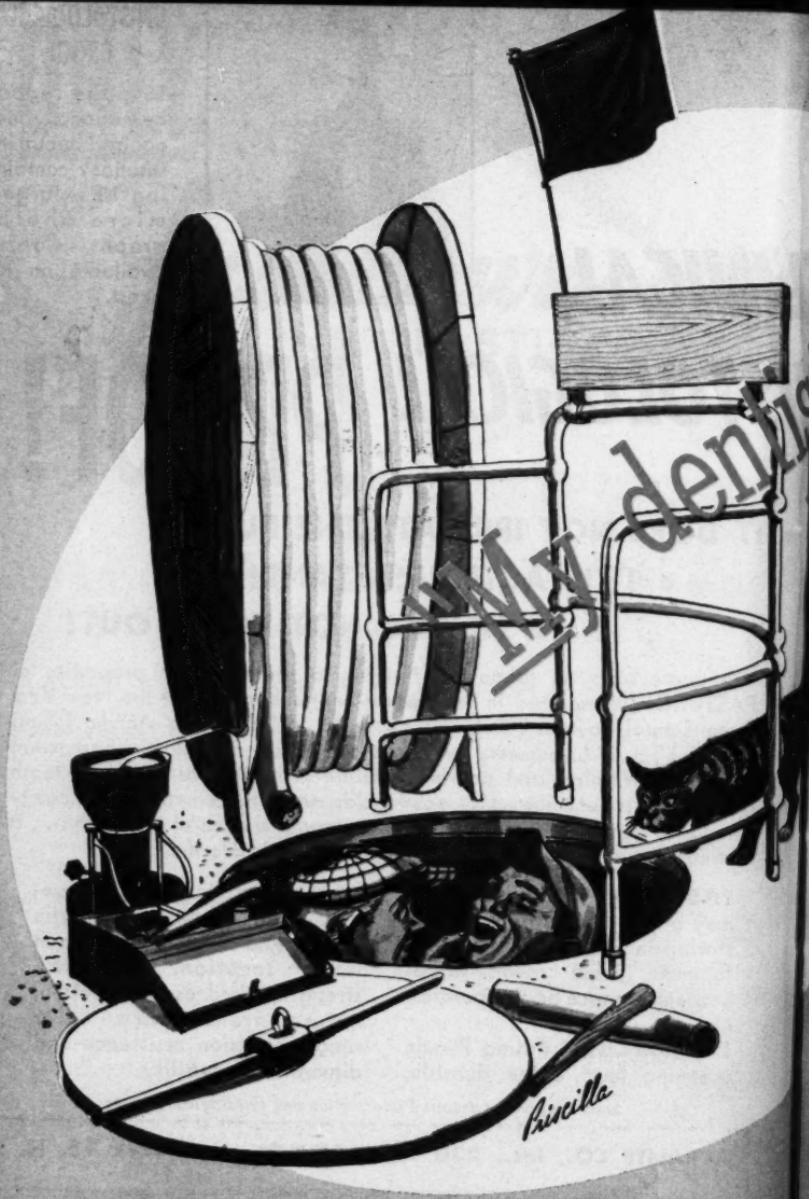
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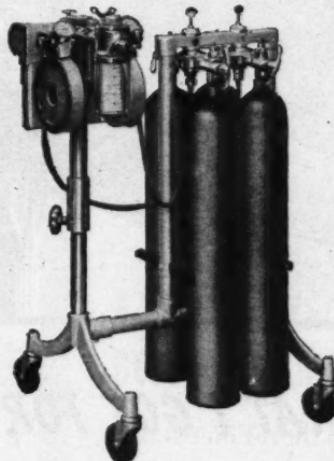
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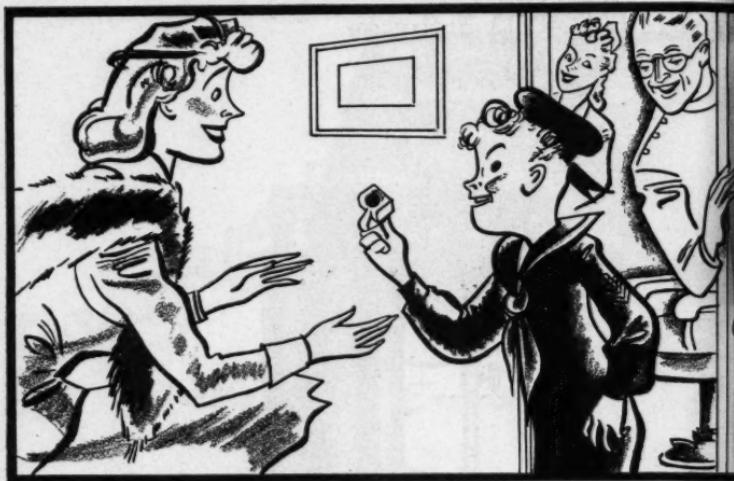
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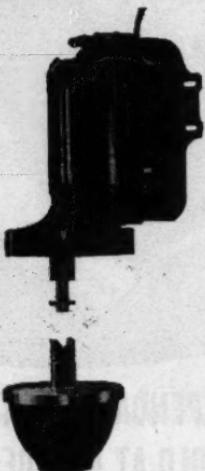


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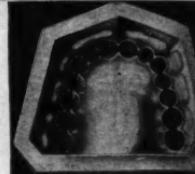
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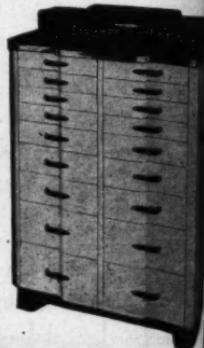
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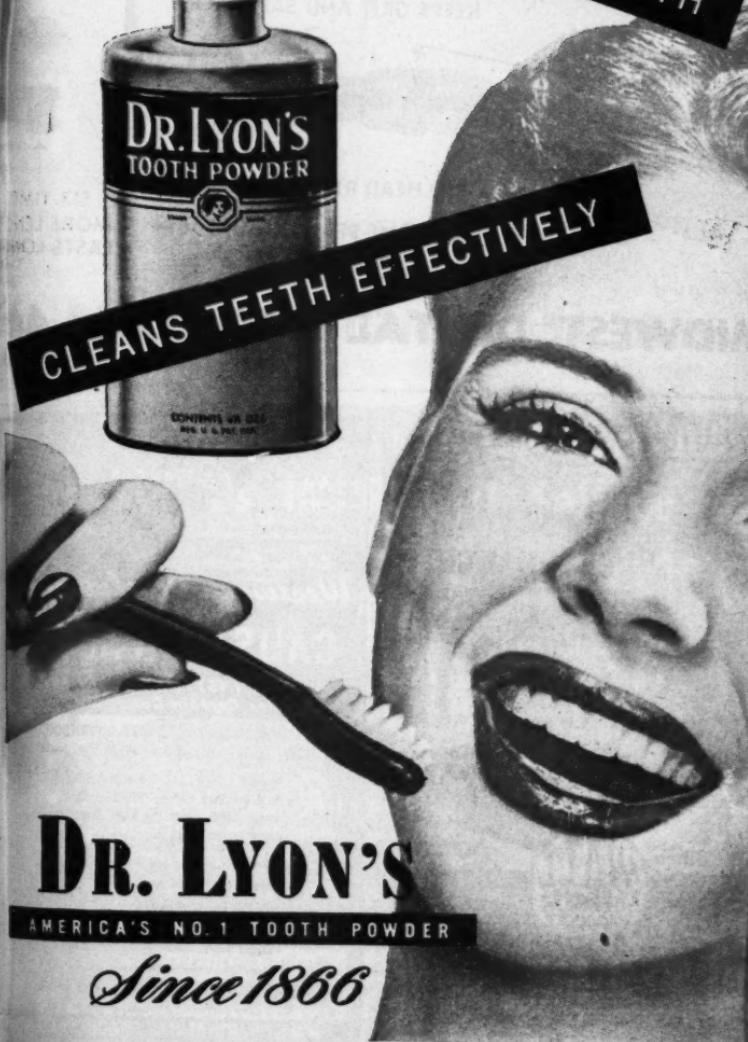
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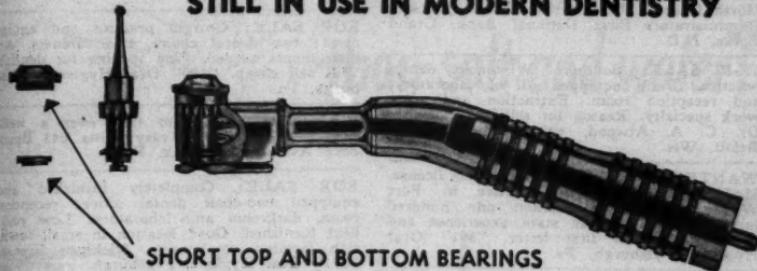
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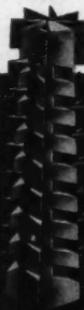
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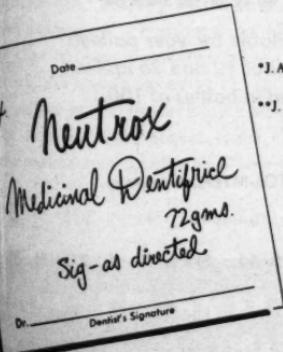


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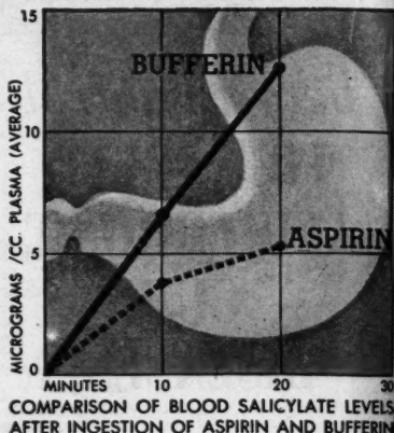
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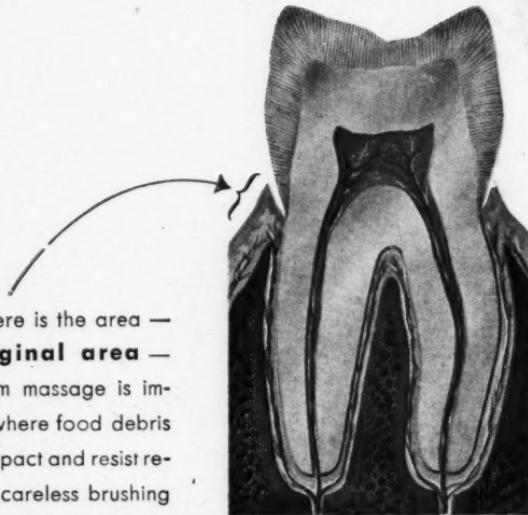
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